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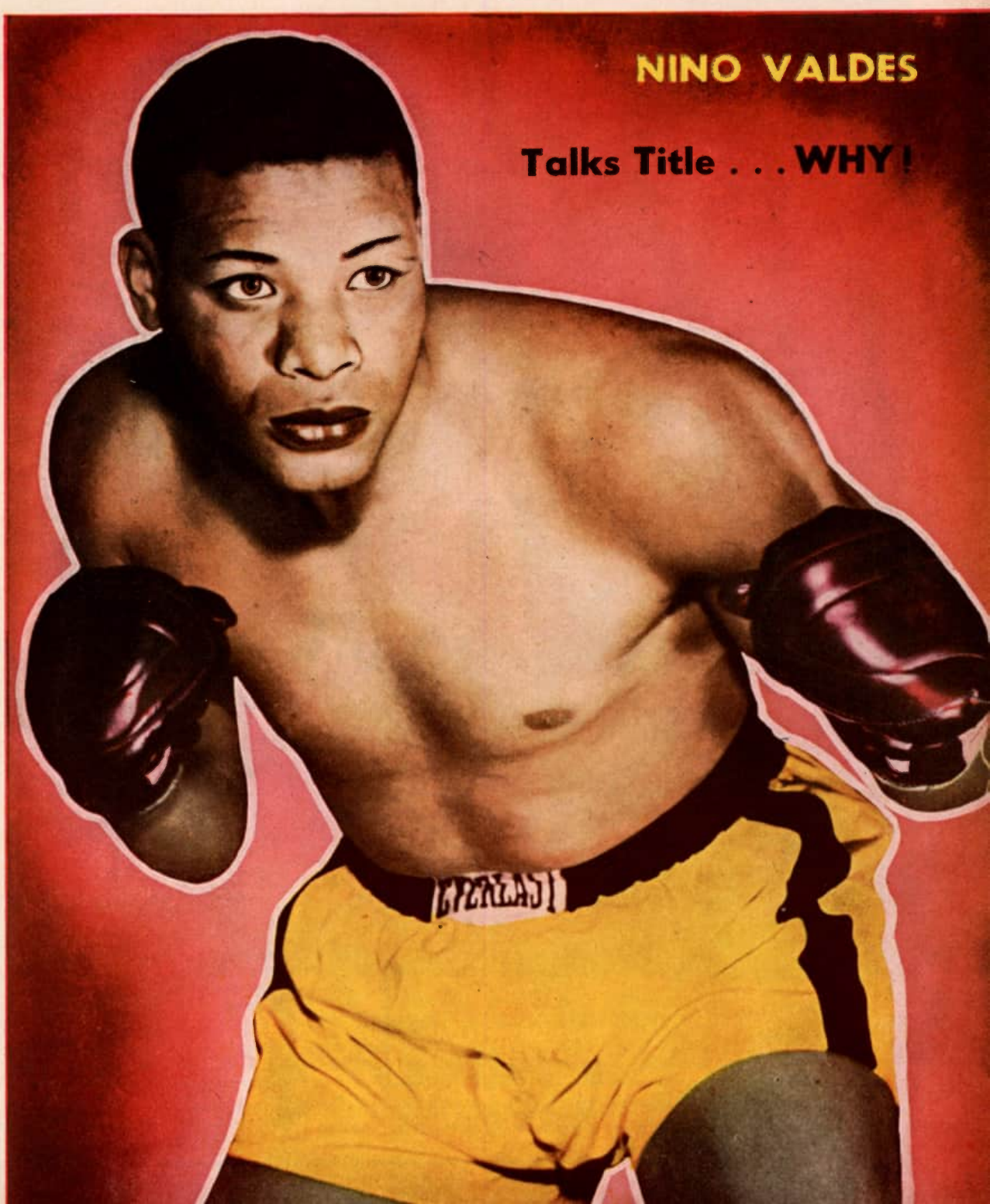

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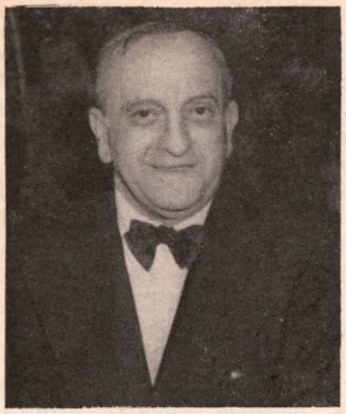

NAT FLEISCHER

Says

Ring's Choice of Johansson is justified
KO of Machen superior to Moore's Feat
US critics ignore boxing's world status

THAT blast by Archie Moore and his supporters following THE RING staff's selection of Ingemar Johansson as the Fighter of the Year for 1958 was not unexpected.

Granting that Moore's brawl with Yvon Durelle in Montreal was the Fight of the Year, and that Ancient Archie accounted for one of the most sensational performances of his long, illustrious career in getting off the canvas three times in the first round and once more in the fifth to knock Durelle out in the eleventh and retain his world light-heavyweight crown, the opinion of THE RING staff was that Johansson's one-round knockout in Sweden of the previously unbeaten Eddie Machen was a much more significant achievement.

The trouble with most Americans is that they believe nothing in boxing is important unless it happens on this side of the Atlantic. It's a narrow, unjustified view. Glove-tossing is not an exclusive Yankee activity. It is international, covering the entire world, and major developments occur in Europe, Africa, South America, Australia and Asia as well as on this continent.

Let's examine the facts in this Johansson-Moore dispute. Archie beat an opponent he figured to beat. Despite his age, variously reported as 42, 45 and 49, Moore was a top-heavy favorite to dispose of the tough but clumsy and oft-beaten Durelle.

In skill, punch and ring generalship the veteran outclassed his French-Canadian challenger. Most of the authorities not only picked Moore to win, but by a knockout. That's just what Archie accomplished. If he did it the hard way, that was his own fault.

MOORE FAILED TO DEFEND HIS TITLE AGAINST CLASS

Aside from that one bout, what else did Moore accomplish during the year? He didn't defend his title against any outstanding challengers. Instead, he confined his activities to heavyweight competition, and his record was anything but spectacular. Two decisions and a draw with ordinary Howard King; a close, disputed verdict over much-beaten Billy Besmanoff; a decision over ringworn Charley Norkus, and a few triumphs over lesser known opposition hardly qualified Archie as the year's outstanding performer.

Now let's consider the case of Johansson. The Swede fought only thrice in 1958, but each time it was in major international competition. First he successfully defended his European laurels by knocking out Joe Erskine, then the British and British Empire champion. Next he flattened the former European title-holder, Heinz Neuhaus, of Germany. Finally came his stunning one-round victory over Machen.

Machen, at the time, was one of the two top contenders for the world championship. Zora Folley was the other. In four years of professional competition, Machen had been unbeaten, with 24 wins, 16 by knockouts, and one draw with Folley in 25 starts. Among his achievements had been two victories over Nino Valdes, the first by decision, the second by a knockout.

On all form charts, Machen figured to be a top-heavy favorite over Johansson, despite the latter's unbeaten portfolio. The Swede had never before stacked up against a rival of Machen's reputation.

Yet, in the brief time of 2 minutes, 16 seconds, Johansson battered Machen to the canvas three times, the last for the full count. Until that bout, Machen never had been knocked off his feet.

KNOCKING OUT MACHEN MADE SWEDE NO. 1 BIDDER

That stunning performance jumped Johansson to the top of the list of World Champion Floyd Patterson's challengers.

Nobody, especially those comprising THE RING staff, wants to take anything away from Moore, a grand old campaigner. In fact, readers of this publication know it was our constant battling in his behalf that led to Archie's finally getting his chance at a world title more than six years ago. Since winning the light-heavyweight laurels, he has more than justified our confidence, and proved himself a real champion.

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By
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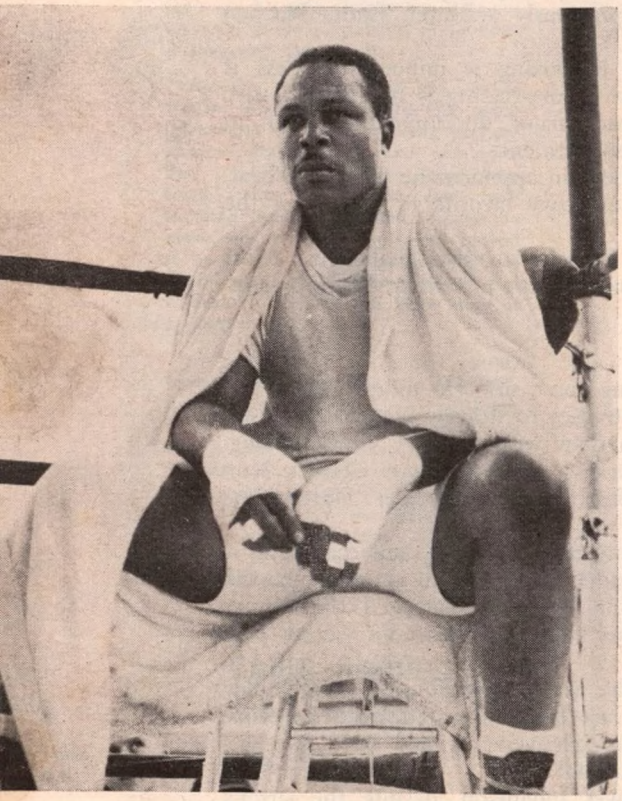
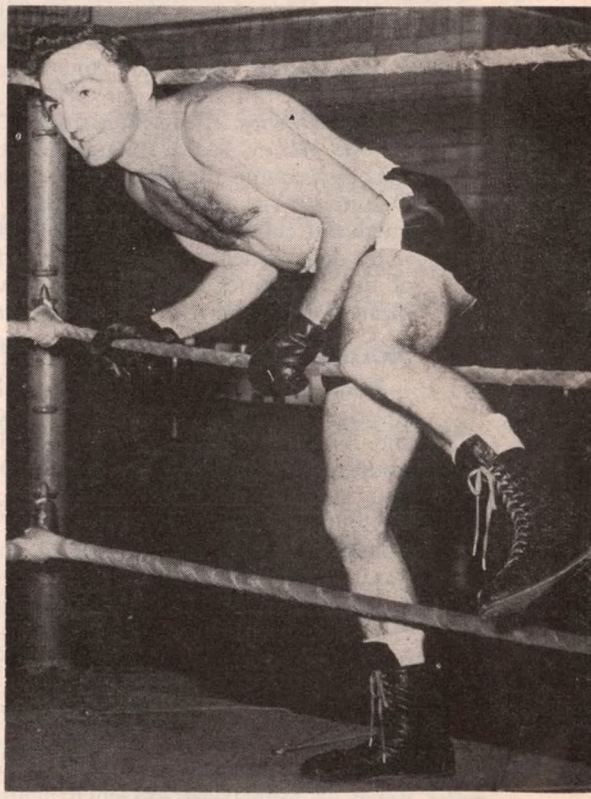
RAY ROBINSON

Moore or Basilio?





Archie Moore, lightheavyweight champion (left), whose fight with Yvon Durelle was acclaimed as "The Fight of The Year", would like to meet Robinson. So would Carmen Basilio (right) who reportedly has the inside track on a fight with the middleweight king in Chicago next spring.

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON is dreaming a dream that could pay-off in thousands of dollars. It isn't on the International Boxing Club's agenda, but the world middleweight champion has a way of making his dreams come true, and in this instance the party of the second party is ready and waiting.

"My ambition is to fight Archie Moore," said Sugar Ray, who in recent months has been more interested in training his voice for a singing career than in training to fight anybody.

"I got a terrific kick out of Moore's great fight with Yvon Durelle in Montreal," Robinson said. *"The fight put the zing back in boxing. It gave the sport a lift when it needed it most. I want to say the boxing writers did the right thing in giving Archie the Neil plaque for what he did for fighting."*

A Robinson-Moore fight would involve Moore's light-heavyweight title, not Robinson's middleweight crown. It would also give Sugar Ray a chance to win a third championship.

"I know I tried before," Robinson said referring to his battle with Joey Maxim in 1952 when Maxim held the light-heavyweight title. *"I think I might have succeeded if it hadn't been for the heat."*

The temperature was well over 100 degrees in the Yankee Stadium that night. It was even hotter in the ring under the bright lights. For a dozen rounds Sugar Ray was the master. In the 13th he collapsed from the heat.

Ruby Goldstein, the referee, went down first. He had to be replaced following the 10th by Ray Miller. Afterwards Jack Kearns, Maxim's manager, kidded: *"Joey's a hot weather fighter."*

The experience resulted in Robinson retiring for the first time. For two years he toured as a dancer, playing theatres and night clubs. Eventually, he said it was due to financial reverses in business, he returned to the ring to regain the middleweight title by knocking out Bobo Olson in the third round at Chicago.

The Olson knockout in 1954 followed by a few months Bobo's ill-fated attempt to win the light-heavyweight title from Moore. Ancient Archie was the first to discover the China in Olson's jaw. He knocked him out in three, while on his way to fight Rocky Marciano for the world heavyweight championship.

In a thrilling battle, in which he was on the canvas, Marciano closed out his career undefeated by stretching Moore in nine. This defeat, coupled with his setback in his heavyweight title fight with Floyd Patterson, has convinced Moore he should stay in his own division.

"I'm not interested in fighting for the heavyweight title again," he said in Montreal after stopping Durelle. *"I'd fight Durelle again, he deserves another chance, and what about Sugar Ray Robinson? Ray and I'd draw a lot of money."*

The writer ventures the opinion Moore and Robinson in the Yankee Stadium next summer might do as well as Sugar Ray's second fight with Randy Turpin at the Polo Grounds in 1951. The $767,626 gross stands as a record for a fight other than one involving the heavyweight title.

The IBC has plans for a third Robinson-Carmen Basilio fight at Chicago in the spring, and Harry Markson, the firm's managing director, was quick to point out Robinson has previously failed to win the light-heavyweight crown.

This would only strengthen Robinson's hand should he choose to bargain for a Moore fight instead. Ancient Archie is in a good position too, as a return with Durelle would be sure to pack the Montreal ball park in the summer.

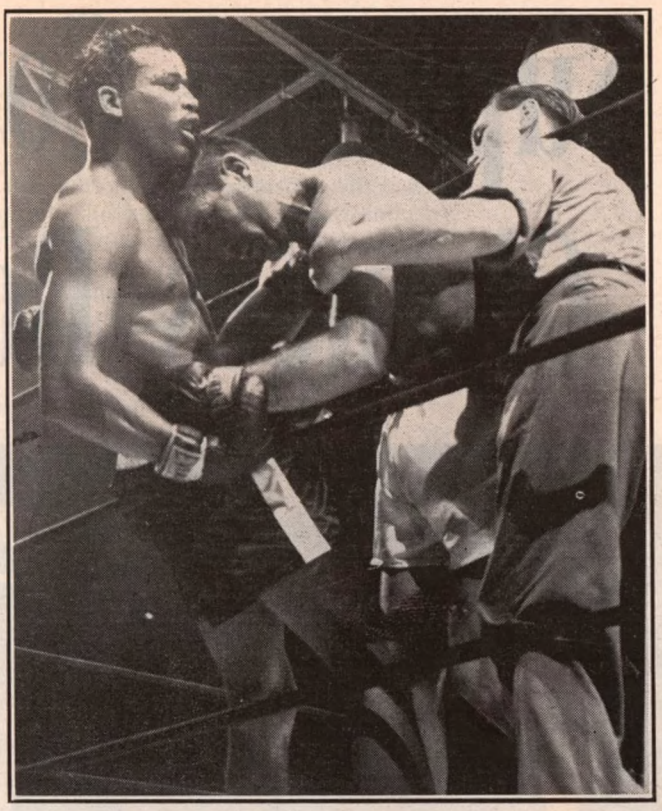
Of course Sugar Ray could gamble by fighting Basilio, and if he won again, then fight Moore. And the light-heavyweight champ always has the Durelle return to fall back on.

Moore has done all that has been asked for him as a champion. His top three challengers in THE RING's ratings are Tony Anthony, Harold Johnson and Durelle. All three have had a title chance, and Moore has knocked out all three.

His defense against Durelle, a Canadian, was made in Montreal. He defended the title against Yolande Pompey when the latter held the British Empire championship, in London. Maxim got two changes to regain the championship seven years ago. Olson, the middleweight champ, got his chance.

All Moore has asked is his price, usually a $100,000 guarantee.

He's 43 or 46 years old, depending on what age you accept, the one he gives, or when his mother says he was born, and eventually the years have to catch up with him. Robinson is 38, and he too is battling Father Time.



Ray Robinson (left) near exhaustion in his bid for lightheavyweight crown held by Joey Maxim. Robby lost the fight by a TKO in the 14th round when he was unable to continue. He claimed heat exhaustion while many pointed to the body punishment handed out by Maxim. The date was June 25, 1952, and at that time Robby stated he would never again fight heavier men. Only time will tell if he will change his mind.

Together the two veterans can make a lot of money.

"Robinson is the fight I want," said Moore when in New York to be honored by the Boxing Writers' Association at their recent dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. *"Truman Gibson talked to me about a Robinson bout when he visited my ranch outside of San Diego to sign me for the Durelle fight.*

"Gibson as much as promised me a Robinson fight if I beat Durelle. "I beat Durelle and I'm ready."

Robinson, who has had several singing engagements on television, qualified his ambition to meet Moore with *"If I fight again,"* but the lure is great. There's the money of course. There's also the chance to win a third title, something only two have accomplished. Henry Armstrong was featherweight, lightweight and middleweight king. Bob Fitzsimmons was heavyweight, light-heavyweight and middleweight champion.

In 1951 Robinson relinquished the welterweight crown when he knocked out Jake LaMotta to become world middleweight champion. His failure against Maxim was due to the heat, but he has the distinction of having regained the middleweight title four times.

Only the championship of a third class has eluded the great Robinson.

He also aspires to be the first middleweight champion to win the light-heavyweight crown. Fitz had long since given up middleweight honors, and had lost the heavyweight title to Jim Jeffries before he outpointed George Gardner in 20 rounds to win the 175-pound crown. This was in 1903 at San Francisco. Two years later Ruby Robert lost his third title when Philadelphia Jack O'Brien knocked him out in 13 rounds.

O'Brien, like so many other lightheavyweight champs, promptly challenged for the heavyweight title. He drew

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Supreme Court Decision Changes Boxing Scene

The somber group shown leaving the U. S. Court House after hearing the final verdict in the monopoly suit of the Government against the I.B.C. are left to right I.B.C. President Truman Gibson, Arthur Wirtz, president of the Chicago Stadium and I.B.C. director, former president James D. Norris, Harry Markson, General Manager of the I.B.C. and Gen. John R. Kilpatrick, president of Madison Square Garden.

By DAN DANIEL

IN 1957, Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan, in New York, found the International Boxing Club, Jim Norris and Arthur M. Wirtz guilty of monopolistic practices. He ordered them to dispose of their stock in Madison Square Garden, New York, worth about $2,500,000. Judge Ryan also demanded that Norris and Wirtz dissolve the IBC divisions in New York and Chicago.

The Federal Court's decision represented one of the strictest interpretations of antitrust legislation since the Clayton and Sherman acts became the law of the land.

On January 12, the Supreme Court of the United States, to which the IBC had appealed for relief, confirmed the Ryan decision by a vote of 5 to 3, with Justice Stewart, newest member of the tribunal, not participating.

The court ruled, unanimously, that the anti-trust laws had been violated, but the three dissenting justices felt that Ryan's ruling had been too tough, too "punitive."

The first reaction to the Supreme Court decision was that the two divisions of the IBC had been destroyed.

However, on more mature consideration, those familiar with the legalistic facets of the decision know that boxing will go on, that the IBC in New York and the IBC in Chicago will continue in business.

Judge Ryan ordered Norris and Wirtz not to promote more than two world championship fights in any year. The restriction, too, will not work out to the destruction of the IBC structures, or of boxing.

As for the Wednesday and Friday night boxing telecasts, they involve a contract between the sponsors and the Garden and will go on, certainly to the termination of these pacts, and most likely long thereafter.

TWO I.B.C. DIVISIONS NOT WITHOUT REMEDIES

In short, there are, before the IBC of New York and the IBC of Chicago, remedies which have been used in other situations developing from antitrust decisions.

These solutions have been employed in the motion picture industry, which years ago was ordered to dissociate its film making from theatre ownership, and in industry, with complete observance of the law and even valuable benefits to the persons most closely affected.

Truman Gibson, now president of the IBC, doubtless will go back to Chicago, his home city, and confine himself to operating the Chicago division.

In New York, Ned Irish, executive head of the Garden, almost certainly will operate the Eastern section of the IBC.

Two facts must be appreciated in the wake of the Supreme Court verdict.

First, it does not force the Garden to lease its arena to any D'Amato connection at the terms of the Patterson setup.

Second, it does not take the property of Norris and Wirtz away from them. It merely wants to regulate its use.

When Bill Rosensohn, acting for a syndicate seeking the Garden for a Patterson fight, asked Irish for a date 24 hours after the decision had been published, he was told that nothing was open until May.

When Rosensohn returns, he may find that the Garden schedule continues restrictive, and that the price for use of the arena has not been reduced from that quoted to Emil Lence late last Summer.

In short, the Supreme Court has told the IBC what it must not do. It has not been specific as to what it must do.

Now, as to the legalistic and realistic facets of the Supreme Court verdict. The majority, for whom Justice Tom Clark did the writing, considered the situation purely from its legal aspects. The minority, with Justice John Marshall Harlan setting forth its views, considered it not only from legal but working viewpoints.

Justice Harlan pointed out that divesting Norris and Wirtz of their Garden stock was not supported by the record in the case, and he added that dissociation of the two IBC sections was merely punitive.

That the IBC, in ownership of big arenas, or association with those they did not own, was placed in too powerful a position is conceivable.

That the IBC, in tieing up champions and contenders so that they were not available to other promoters, was in violation of free trade and free bargaining, also is self evident.

But how true is it that the IBC killed off the small clubs? How true is it that Norris sought the elimination of these hatcheries of young talent?

Whether one backs the IBC or the D'Amato crusade, the fact remains that Norris and Wirtz sustained in American boxing the financial bona fides and responsibility it had enjoyed under the suzerainty of Mike Jacobs.

How much longer could big boxing have been able to go on with promoters of doubtful financial responsibility, who worked spasmodically, and were out not to protect continuity of action but to milk situations?

It will be intensely interesting to see how D'Amato will operate under the state of affairs brought on by the Supreme Court decision.

Will he now make Floyd Patterson available as a multiple defender of his world title? Will Cus proceed to invite Ingemar Johansson, outstanding challenger, to New York to fight Patterson?

D'Amato believes that his crusade had much to do with the decision against the IBC. Certainly he did not help Norris and Wirtz. Having forced them into the background, at least in his own estimation, it's up to Cus to open up the heavyweight division and take the champion out of deep freeze.

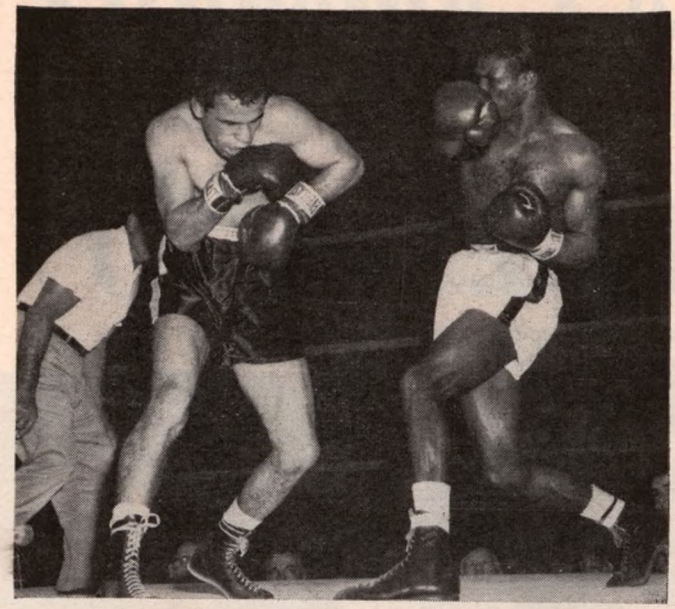
Boxing is too strong inherently, as a vehement appeal, to suffer from legalistic changes. The sport has had tremendous blows rained on it from all quarters, from inside, from the outside.

Perhaps it now will charge into the open arena with greater vigor, with greater opportunities for all.

Perhaps, too, the small fry, the fly by nights, will regard the Supreme Court decision as an invitation to dash back into their old unhealthy practices.

If the new situation brings Patterson back into the ring, if it forces under cover managers to live so restrictive a life as to smother them, if Frankie Carbo is forced to go to work, if new clubs rise on the ashes of old ones, if televised fights are arranged with greater thought to true competition, and not so much with regard to contractual obligations to sponsors, if the revised picture throws a stronger spotlight on the sport all over the United States, if the air is cleared, boxing will owe a vast debt to Judge Ryan and his five Supreme Court backers.

FIGHTS OF THE MONTH



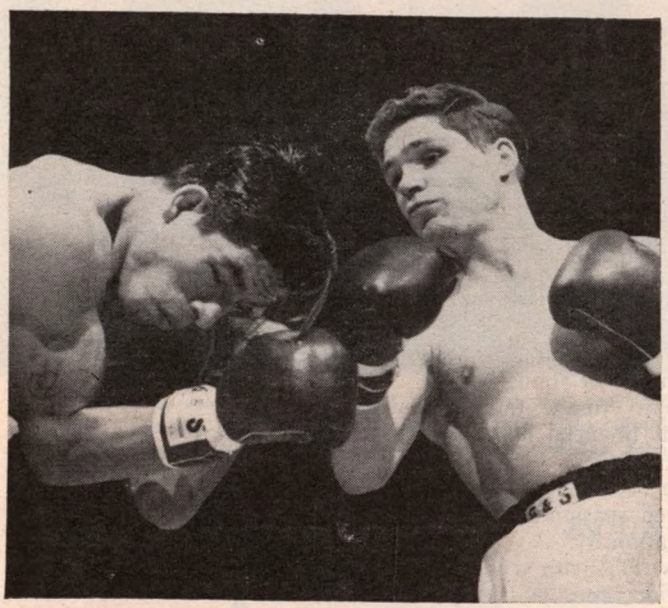
RALPH DUPAS (LEFT) VS SUGAR HART

IN a thrilling and fast-paced action fight, Garnet (Sugar) Hart, Philadelphia welterweight, returned to action after a six months layoff to edge out speedy Ralph Dupas in ten rounds at Miami Beach. Hart used his sharper punches to offset Dupas' swift flurries and strengthen his hold on the number two challengers' post with an impressive victory. It also snapped Ralph's run of triumphs over welterweights that had included Vince Martinez, Gil Turner and Gaspar Ortega.

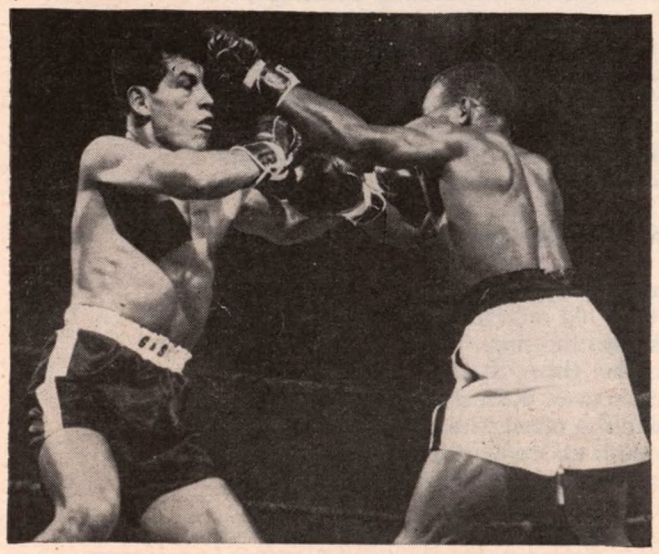
Ortega, meanwhile started off the new year by losing a hotly disputed split ten round decision to nineteen year old Denny Moyer of Portland, Oregon, in New York's Madison Square Garden. Moyer, 1957 National AAU welterweight champion, won his nineteenth straight in his national TV bow and Ortega added another split decision to his growing list that now finds him possessing Kid Gavilan's old title of "the split decision kid." It was a case of Moyer's left jab against the two-fisted wild attack of the Mexican with Moyer getting the nod.

Fast rising Eddie Perkins of Chicago, turned in his most impressive triumph to date when he halted the Mexican lightweight champion, veteran Baby Vasquez, in the seventh round of their television bout at Washington, D.C. Vasquez protested the verdict, claiming that it was a butt and not the punches of Perkins that opened the cut over his left eye causing the fight to be stopped. Nevertheless, Eddie fought well and showed a fine left and good combinations in scoring his eighth win in nine 1958 fights.

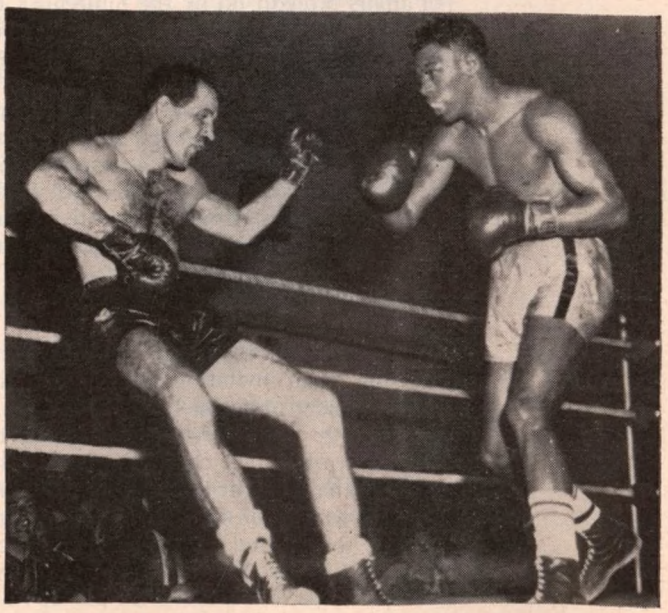
The fans at the small Cambria arena in Philadelphia were handed a real surprise when unheralded Ray Lancaster of Spartanburg, S.C. got off the floor in the second round and came on to hand young Len Matthews of Philadelphia a good going over until the dying seconds of the eighth and final round when a terrific right to the jaw dumped Lancaster at the final bell. This knockdown saved Len's unbeaten skein but the verdict was a draw. A real shock to the Matthews' camp and to boxing fans who saw in the youngster a coming champion.



GASPAR ORTEGA (LEFT) VS DENNY MOYER



BABY VASQUEZ (LEFT) VS EDDIE PERKINS



RAY LANCASTER (LEFT) VS LEN MATTHEWS

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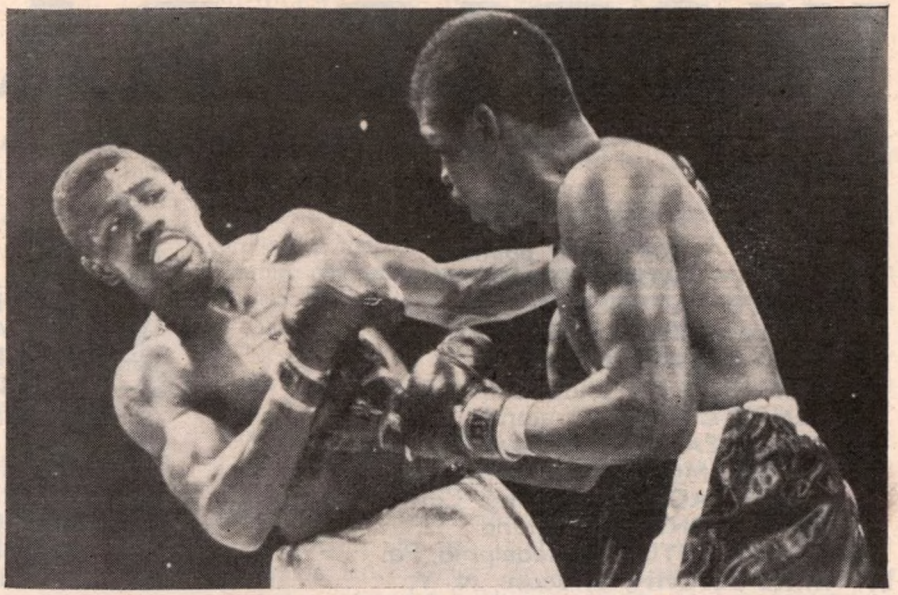
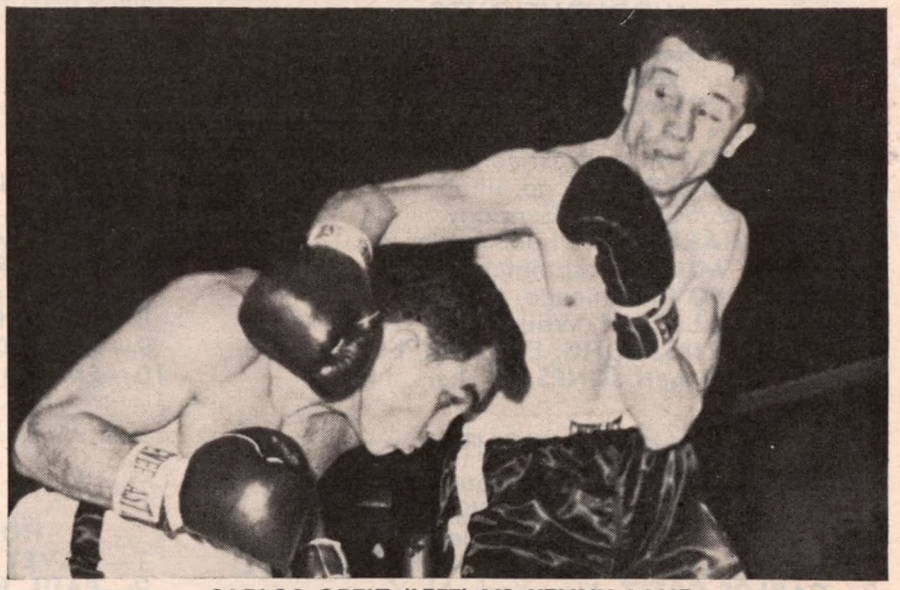


BOBBY BOYD (LEFT) VS HOLLY MIMS

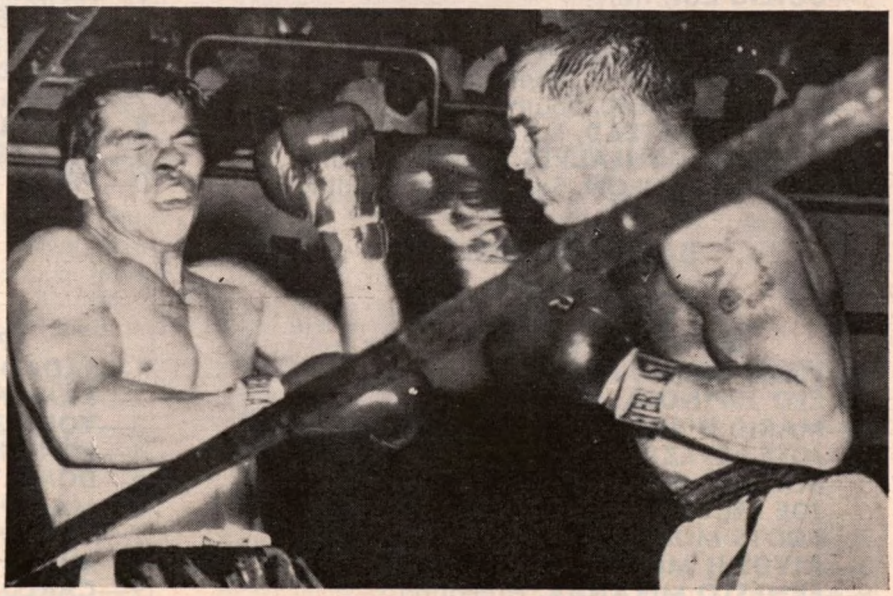
The old year closed out with a thrilling fight as the two top lightweights, southpaw Kenny Lane and Carlos Ortiz clashed in Miami Beach. The fight was a nip-and-tuck affair with Lane staging a spirited rally in the last two rounds to gain the majority vote of the officials. There were honors for both the winner and loser in this exciting battle.

Former middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson continued his comeback with a disputed fifth round kayo over Tommy Villa at Fresno, Calif. Olson gave his foe a good beating and when Villa was floored in the fifth round, he claimed the blow was low and he was given a five minutes rest by the referee after which he refused to continue. The referee credited Olson with a kayo. The commissioner in charge was uncertain how to register the verdict but after a commission meeting, it was announced that the referee's decision would stand and Bobo had his third straight kayo victory.

Bobby Boyd, the in-and-out Chicago middleweight, was back in the ratings following a close split decision triumph over Holly Mims of Washington, D.C. at the Chicago Stadium. Boyd survived a rough first round when he was tagged by some solid rights to the jaw. He then used his long reach to advantage and piled up the points. Mims staged a rally in the last round when he again stung Bobby with some stiff punches but was unable in the opinion of the officials to wipe out Boyd's lead.



CARLOS ORTIZ (LEFT) VS KENNY LANE



TOMMY VILLA (LEFT) VS CARL (BOBO) OLSON

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 21ST

HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**INGEMAR JOHANNSON,** Sweden
2—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
3—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
4—**HENRY COOPER,** England
5—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
6—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
7—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
8—**BRIAN LONDON,** England
9—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(Not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**SPIDER WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
4—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
5—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
7—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
8—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
9—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.
10—**RALPH (Tiger) JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(Not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
2—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
3—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
4—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.
5—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
6—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
7—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
8—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
10—**BOBBY SCANLON,** San Francisco, Calif.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

(Not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
4—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
5—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
6—**JOE BECERRA,** Mexico
7—**BOOTS MONROE,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**KIYOSHI MIURA,** Japan
9—**ERNESTO MIRANDA,** Argentina
10—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
2—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
4—**ERICH SHOPPNER,** Germany
5—**SONNY RAY,** Chicago, Ill.
6—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
7—**JOHNNY HALAFIHI,** Tonga
8—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
9—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
10—**JERRY LUEDEE,** New Haven, Conn.

WELTERWEIGHTS

(Not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
DON JORDAN, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
2—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5—**DEL FLANAGAN,** St. Paul, Minn.
6—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
7—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
8—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**GERALD GRAY,** Jamaica, BWI.
10—**EMILIO MARCONI,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(Not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HOGAN (KID) BASSEY, Nigeria

1—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springfield, O.
2—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
3—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
4—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
5—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
6—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
7—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
8—**MANOLO GARCIA,** Spain
9—**VICTOR (Sonny) LEON,** Venezuela
10—**PERCY LEWIS,** Trinidad, BWI.

FLYWEIGHTS

(Not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
2—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
5—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
6—**MARIO DeLEON,** Mexico
7—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
8—**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
9—**CARLOS MIRANDA,** Argentina
10—**HORACIO ACCAVALLO,** Argentina

HENRY COOPER
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THE defeat of Brian London by Henry Cooper in a bloody British Empire heavyweight championship fight in London, not only brought to the winner "The Fighter of the Month" award but placed him in an excellent spot for a shot at Floyd Patterson's crown. If the new titleholder, who previously had knocked out London in one round, doesn't demand a fabulous guarantee he is most likely to get first crack at the world champion.

Cooper, who at 192½ gave his rival a handicap of 16¾ pounds in their Earl Court battle, advanced to fourth place in our world ratings, replacing Willie Pastrano who slipped to fifth, while inactive Eddie Machen dropped down to seventh position with London dropping down to the eighth post previously held by Cooper.

Other changes among the heavyweights saw Pat McMurtry of Tacoma, Wash., kayoed in one round by Nino Valdes, dropped from the ratings, his tenth post was taken by Mike DeJohn of Syracuse, N. Y.

In the light heavyweight sector, the retirement of Willi Hoepner, former European champion, brought Jerry Luedee of New Haven, into the ranking ten based on his draw bout with sixth ranked Mike Holt of South Africa.

Among the middleweights, Carmen Basilio is on the verge of losing his high post as leading contender for Robinson's title. Unless he is matched with Robinson for a return bout or resumes action, he will be replaced by Gene Fullmer who has won eight straight, including a good win over Spider Webb.

Joey Giambra, inactive since June, has been dropped from the 160 pound listings and Bobby Boyd of Chicago and Rory Calhoun of White Plains, N. Y., have rejoined the ranking ten. Tiger Jones, of Yonkers, N. Y., who was ninth in the last issue, is now rated tenth. Holly Mims, who lost to Boyd, has traded places with European Champion Gustav Scholz, Mims in sixth and Scholz now in fourth position.

Mickey Crawford of Saginaw, Mich. who was ranked tenth among the welters, has been eliminated due to inactivity and Emilio Marconi of Italy, European welterweight champion, has replaced him. Gaspar Ortega of Mexico, who lost a disputed decision to young Denny Moyer, fell from fourth to sixth while Ralph Dupas, shaded by Sugar Hart and Del Flanagan each advancing one peg. Moyer's performance against Ortega was not sufficient to gain for him a place in the ratings though it did gain him national prominence. Another fight or two against top men will most likely get him into the rated ten.

In the lightweight class, young Len Matthews of Philadelphia who suffered his first defeat as a pro when beaten by Paul Armstead, has been removed to make room for the veteran Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Calif. who defeated Armstead in a previous bout. Gonsalves is listed ninth and Bobby Scanlon who lost to Paolo Rosi dropped to tenth, while Rosi moved up one notch to fifth trading places with Dave Charnley.

Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Mich. who turned back Carlos Ortiz of New York, retained his number one post ahead of Ortiz.

Davey Moore, by his one round kayo of Ricardo Moreno, clinched a title bout with featherweight champion Hogan Bassey and also eliminated Moreno from the ratings. His place has been taken by Victor (Sonny) Leon of Venezuela who drew with Ike Chestnut and has been in and out of the ranked ten over the past three years.

Cherif Hamia of France, has been eliminated due to his prolonged inactivity and Percy Lewis, of Trinidad, British Empire champion has replaced him in tenth post. Manolo Garcia has dropped from fifth to eighth with Chestnut, Gonzalez and Caprari each moved up one position.

Newly crowned South American Champion Ernest Miranda of Argentina has joined the top men in the bantam class, in ninth position, replacing his countryman, and former champion Roberto Castro. Mexican Champion Jose Lopez, advanced from fifth to fourth trading places with inactive Manuel Armenteros of Cuba. Al Asuncion of the Philippines dropped from ninth to tenth.

The victory of Sadao Taoita of Japan over world flyweight champion Pascual Perez in a 10 round overweight match in Tokyo, gained for the Japanese the leading contender's post. It was the first defeat suffered by the Argentinian who in 48 fights, rolled up a record of 46 triumphs and one draw.

Here are the month's leading results:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Nino Valdes kayoed Pat McMurtry, 1.
Henry Cooper won the British Empire title outscoring Brian London, 15.
Franco Cavicchi defeated Alain Cherville, 10.
Bert Whitehurst outscored Art Swiden, 10. Massimo Zanaboni whipped Uber Bacilieri, 10.
Charlie Powell outscored Charley Norkus, 10. Uli Ritter defeated Maurice Mols, 10. Jose Mardaras defeated Michel Aubignat, 10.
Lee Williams kayoed Al Anderson, 2.
LaMar Clark kayoed Cornell Butler and Al Hedge, 1 (same night), Eric Forslund, 1 and Frank Barr, 1. Floyd Joyner and Dean McGowan drew, 8. Charlie Mauri kayoed Norm Jackson, 1.
Jose Georgetti kayoed Said Asus, 1. Omar Kader beat Abel Escalante, 10. Iekka Koski defeated Hans Fredrich, 6.
Charlie Forest stopped Colis Mederos, 5. Len Richards beat Carl Beaver, 10.
Cleveland Williams kayoed Ollie Wilson, 3. Terry Lewis kayoed Hank Thurman, 8.
Dave Rent beat George Kartalian, 10. Julio Neves kayoed Bob Harris, 9. Dave Shoulders kayoed Dave Muudy, 3.
Sherman Adams whipped Abe Davis, 6. Billy Hunter stopped Nat Dixon, 3. Sonny Moore kayoed Freddy Milton, 5. Joe Sullivan kayoed Dave Ford, 2. Lamar Clark kayoed Phil Paxton, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

French Champion Charles Colin retained his title by stopping Yao Kouame, 11. Sonny Ray beat Roque Maravilla, 10.
Sante Amonti won the Italian title by stopping Domenico Bacchescchi, 11.
Gilbert Chapron defeated Lou Perry, 10.
Paul Roux decisioned Jacques Bro, 10, Bro also lost to Rocco Mazzola, 8. Monroe Ratliff kayoed Tommy Harrison, 4. Alonzo Johnson kayoed Rudy Williams, 4.
Tommy Sims defeated Alvin Williams, 10. Jose Manzur beat Dave Bondulich, 10. Alvin Green whipped Sherman Goodman, 8, Sherman then was kayoed by Frank Lawson, 1. Dieter Wemhoner beat Ahmed Boulgroune, 10, but lost to Pekka Kokkonen, 10.
John Bonner beat George Jarosch, 6. Karl Mildenberger beat Jose Echevarria, 8, and Andre Wyns, 6. Bob Young stopped Johnny Pruitt, 6, and beat Gordon Farnsworth, 6. Gordon was then stopped by Don Prout, 3, while Young lost to Jimmy Monts, 8.
Ted Martin whipped Joe Neal, 6. Johnny Jenkins whipped Lou Jones, 6. Johnny Fratius stopped Joe Parham, 3 and Leroy Holmes, 3. Dogomar Martinez outpointed Luis Ingacio, 15.
Eddie Bell kayoed Lou Shores, 2. Hastings Hartz stopped Andy Isaacs, 5. Frank McCoy beat Joe Sullivan, 6. Hemut Ball stopped Gerhard Moll, 5. Al McCoy bested Clarence Boone, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Gene Fullmer nodded Milo Savage, 10.
Gene Armstrong whipped Eddie Dixon, 10.
Bobby Boyd edged out Holly Mims, 10.
Sugar Boy Nando kayoed Humberto Loayza 4, and Andres Selpa, 6. Spanish light heavyweight added the middleweight title to his laurels by whipping Manolo Correa, 12. Neal Rivers bested Willie Vaughn, 10.
Art Aragon kayoed Jesse Bogart, 2. Jimmy Martinez outscored Armando Muniz, 10, and Tony Montano, 12. Peter Muller stopped Jo Janssens, 6. Al Williams kayoed Tombstone Smith, 8.
Wilf Greaves kayoed James Roberts, 1, and Otis Woodward, 8. Bob Gordon defeated Charlie Cotton, 10. Henry Hank whipped Ernie Burford, 10.
Willie Green won the New England title by stopping Jackson Brown, 5. Belgian champion Bob Stevens beat Jean Ruellet, 10. Rudy Ellis beat Jesse Smith, 8.
Paul Pender stopped Willie (Kid) Johnson, 3, and Joe Gomes, 6. Mickey Brown kayoed Rudy Smith, 4, but lost to Tony Montano, 10.

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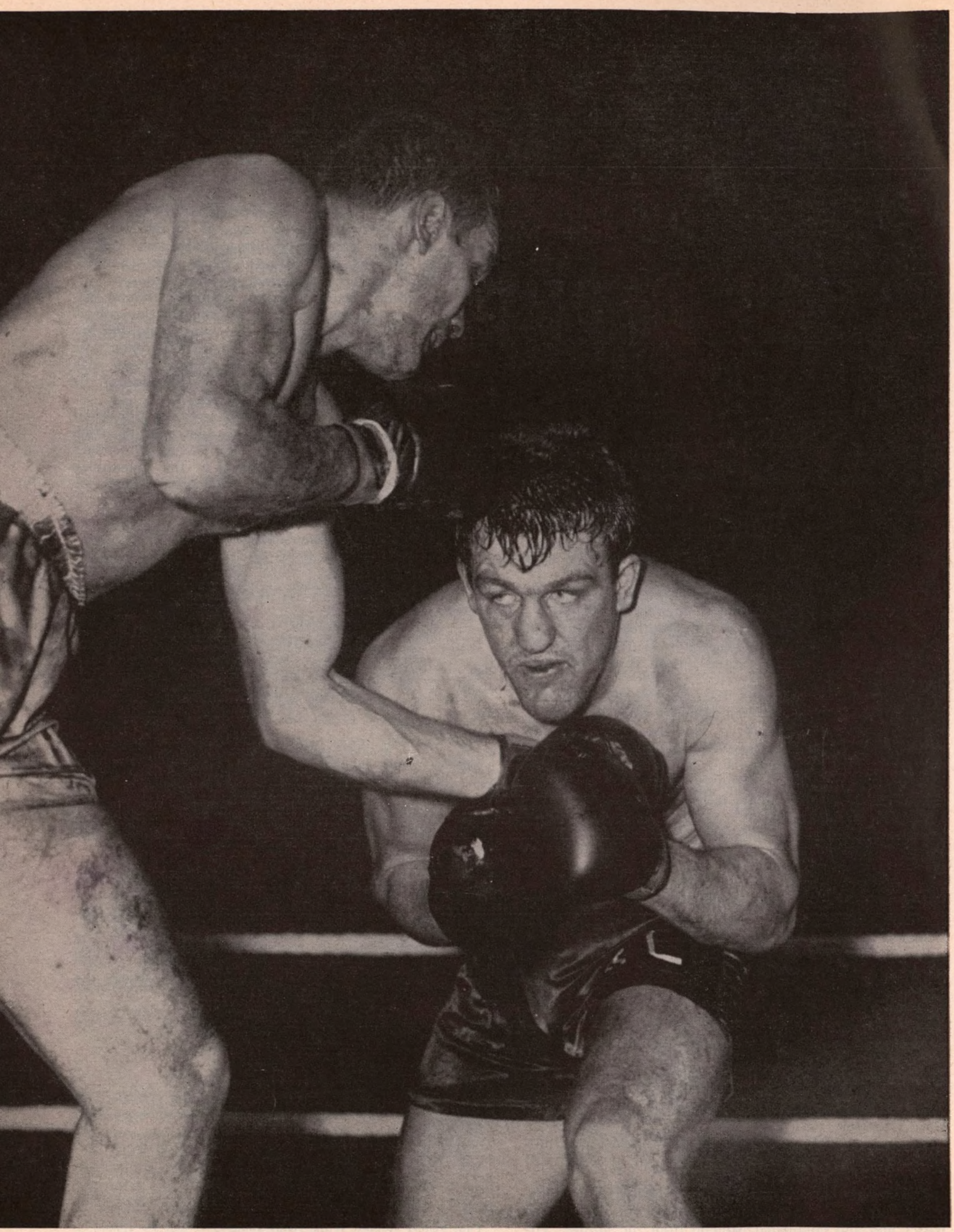
PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS—Tom McNeely, Arlington, Mass.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—John Bonner, Chicago, Ill.
MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Dick Lee, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
WELTERWEIGHTS—Curtis Cokes, Dallas, Texas
LIGHTWEIGHTS—John Patrick Britt, Philadelphia, Pa.
FEATHERWEIGHTS—Manny Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.
BANTAMWEIGHTS—Benny Casing, Stockton, Calif.
FLYWEIGHTS—Moricogne Kamara Diop, French Guinea



Brian London, right, crouches under onslaught of blows from challenger Henry Cooper. Brian lost decision at Earls Court, London and with it went his British Empire Title.

By FRANK BUTLER

The fight is over and to the victor belongs the spoils . . . in this case not only the British and Empire titles but a swollen eye and a battered face.

HENRY COOPER BARRELS TO VICTORY OVER BRIAN LONDON

HENRY COOPER, Britain's Cinderella Man heavyweight, dumbfounded most of England's scribes and in 18,000 crowd at Earls Court Stadium in London by outboxing, outfighting and outpunching Brian London over fifteen bloody and punishing rounds.

The victory not only brought the 24 year old Cooper Twin the British and Empire heavyweight titles, but also the choice of a crack at Floyd Patterson's world crown in America next summer or a European title clash with Ingemar Johansson on June 2 at Wembley Stadium which has a 70,000 seating capacity for boxing. Jack Solomons has pencilled in this date.

The luck has changed for Cockney Cooper who in 1957 lost three title bouts in a row. After being knocked out by Joe Bygraves for the Empire crown, he was knocked out in a European title slam by Johansson, and was then outpointed by Joe Erskine for the British championship.

Cooper is a much improved fighter. Although scaling 192½ pounds compared to London's 209¼, he cut the heavier champion down to size almost exclusively with his left hand—not just a straight left, but a sharp jab often followed quickly with a hook to jaw or body. Had Cooper used his right more frequently he may well have knocked out the champion and impressed important ringside observers such as Ingemar Johansson, Truman Gibson and Lew Burston.

London, who had shown aggressive tactics in his two bouts against Willie Pastrano, was more cautious against Cooper in the opening round. Clearly, he had respect for Henry's left hook which had shattered him in the first round of their previous meeting in 1956. The Londoner was first to land with two left jabs, and little did the champion realize that long before the fifteenth round this punch was to strip him of his titles and make him appear as a novice without defense against this blow.

London was more confident in the second, and a good right had blood pouring from the challenger's nose. This was only the beginning because while Cooper's nose bled for the rest of the fight, he lost more blood from cuts above and below his left eye and from a late cut to his right eye. London's right eye was also split open in the tenth and his corner was unable to prevent a crimson stream pouring down his face on to his body from the deep cut.

Although Cooper was cut up badly early on, he never once lost the initiative. He jabbed and hooked the flat-footed champion at random for the first four rounds piling up points but London was not at first worried, hoping he would eventually get inside and club the challenger to defeat or split open the old scars around both eyes.

When blood began to trickle from Cooper's left eye in the fourth, London's hopes were raised. The fifth was London's best. In fact, it was the only round I scored for him. The best he could do after this was to share three, Cooper winning eleven by clear margins. But the champion was aggressive in round five. Cooper missed with a hook and went off balance. London threw a right which glanced off the back of Cooper's head causing him to slip for a count of two.

Although Cooper was still outboxing the champion in the sixth, the seventh saw what might be a change of tide. Henry's left eye was a mess. Blood trickled from a cut above and a new flesh wound was opened beneath it. His supporters were now alarmed, and even though he fought back splendidly to win yet another round, it seemed for the first time that London might end up the winner. At the end of this round the referee Ike Powell, of Wales, went to Cooper's corner and asked Manager Wicks, "Is he alright?"

Cooper answered the question, "I'm O.K.," and, full credit to the corner, they did a good job on those wounds and Cooper went out and hooked London on the retreat. By the end of the ninth it became evident that London was tiring from that damaging left and when his right eye, which was grazed early on, split open in the tenth all hope of saving his crown had gone.

Cooper was the complete boss. The 24-year-old London was receiving a boxing lesson and a hammering he is not likely to forget. When champion, he declared he hated boxing. He had more reason to hate it now with his title almost gone. But to his credit he didn't quit even when his seconds wanted him to in the twelfth.

London kept moving forward but seldom threw effective punches. In fairness to him, I saw his swollen right hand in the dressing room afterwards. He damaged this fist in the fifth, but did not offer the injury as an alibi for the shellacking he had taken.

Cooper ran away with the last four rounds. London knew he had lost. When the fourteenth began he attempted

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BIG FIGHTS IN '59

Ingemar Johansson, no Swedish meatball off his one round kayo of Eddie Machen, could draw fabulously well against Floyd Patterson.

Heavyweight Action Could Be at Fiercest and Best as Fight Game on Comeback Looks to Spirited Revival

By JOHNNY SALAK

SPURRED by recent developments which bid good for the sport, boxing looks ahead through the remaining months of 1959 with renewed vigor and an enthusiasm which has long been lacking in the fight game. The game, it would seem, is picking itself off the floor in championship style. It remains now for it to fight its way back.

Starting with the heavyweight upheavals at the tailend of 1958, which we trust will have a slap-awakening effect on American boxing, and in the action which took place during January, plus the death-dealing blow rendered the I. B. C. by the Supreme Court, matches have already been lined-up, are in the making or could transpire which are of top-notch quality, exciting and meaningful. This, along with the eventual reopening of more of the smaller clubs, could prove to be the long-awaited revival year for boxing. The ingredients are there, the time and conditions are right—they merely have to be properly used.

Among the heavyweights, action could be at its best and fiercest with the possibility that the restraining leash on Floyd Patterson will be removed and the heavyweight title put on the line at least twice, possibly three times. The matches can be made, they are good money-makers and with Cus D'Amato's self-proclaimed mortal enemy defeated in the courts, it remains for Cus to now put Floyd's

Ancient Archie Moore, still the grand old battler, is ready to take on any and all contenders—if the price is right. Yvon Durelle appears first on list.

fist where his mouth is. At least, we hope so.

What are the prospects for Patterson? Ingemar Johansson, no Swedish meatball off his icing of Eddie Machen, could do fabulously well at the gate in a title match and one shudders to think what the gross would be including closed-circuit TV. The bout, properly steamed up, could be the most important international heavyweight match to take place in the last twenty years, or since Joe Louis battered and shattered Max Schmeling in a million dollar gate.

This is just one of many which Patterson could take on, with no stigma of amateur or barrel-bottom scraping attached. Nino Valdes, the Cuban caballero with the dynamic punch, who has long waited patiently—too patiently—in line for a crack at any number of champions—cannot be ignored any longer and, more to the point, he would draw well in a number of spots, particularly his native Havana, Cuba, which has not had a world heavyweight championship match in more than forty years, since Jess Willard lifted the crown from Jack Johnson in 1915. Cuba's first real heavyweight challenger, what more appropriate than a championship match scheduled for, let us say, July 26.

Not to be taken lightly and quite possibly one who has the inside track at first shot at Patterson, is Henry Cooper, the new British and Empire champion, who in January defeated Brian London in a bloody good fight.

Talk is rampant that Cooper's brain trust and D'Amato's brain see eye-to-eye, figuratively and symbolically, on many things, which could also include Floyd fighting Henry, the match to take place in London, England, home of, in medieval times, kings of the ring.

This then is Patterson's course: Havana with Valdes, London with Cooper, and Gothenburg or New York (Heavens to Betsy, a title bout for New York!) with Ingemar Johansson.

It is extremely doubtful whether at this late stage in the proceedings any two of the three above listed leading challengers would risk life, limb and financial security by tangling with each other before they had a crack at Patterson's most valuable possession (no, not Cus D'Amato). It is understandable at this point—for Patterson must pick, and the odds are it will be one of the three, or all three, weather permitting.

For the time being, at least, the sorry contingent of Americans who forlornly trudged back from the Battle of '58 on European soil, Zora Folley, Eddie Machen and Willie Pastrano, have a tough row to hoe, though they are still rated comparatively high. It has been decreed, by god no less, that they must "prove" themselves in ring combat, wiping out the losses they sustained, and having been "contaminated" by I. B. C. affiliation, patronage and sponsorship, must now undergo a thorough program of re-education, if not boxing lessons. Then, and only then, will they be fit and privileged to step into the same ring with Patterson and attempt to beat his head off.

Different problems, aside from having glass chins, beset different fighters, and the fringe gallants who would dare raise their fists in anger against the world heavyweight champion, must first do so against other fellow men. Those heavyweights rated below and not listed above, are bunched together, thrown to the wolves, so to speak, and have to do battle on a lesser though comparatively important scale before they will be allowed a refusal, polite or otherwise, as to why they are excluded from the champion's more immediate plans. Archie Moore, Roy Harris (both of whom already have had their licks and lickings) are two precincts still to be heard from.

They certainly rate near the top and certainly should be accorded the honor of the standard and vehement no. Charley (Sonny) Liston, though, is the dark horse in a field that for a time seemed to be going in seven different directions at the same time. It would appear he has the ability and the connections. All, then, that he might need are a few more important wins and acceptance, the wins, it would seem, being more easy to come by than the acceptance.

On the horizon, which is better than being on the can-

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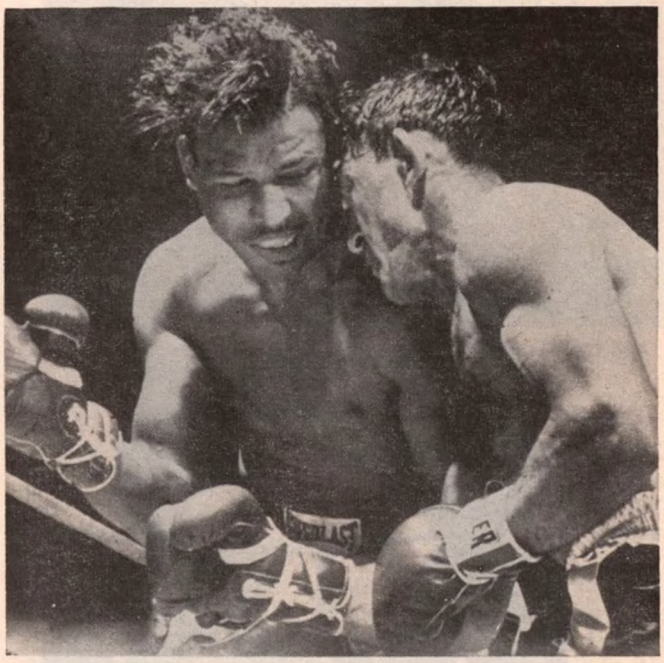
The restraining leash on Floyd Patterson could be removed this year by manager Cus D'Amato and, if so, the heavyweight title placed on the line two or three times.



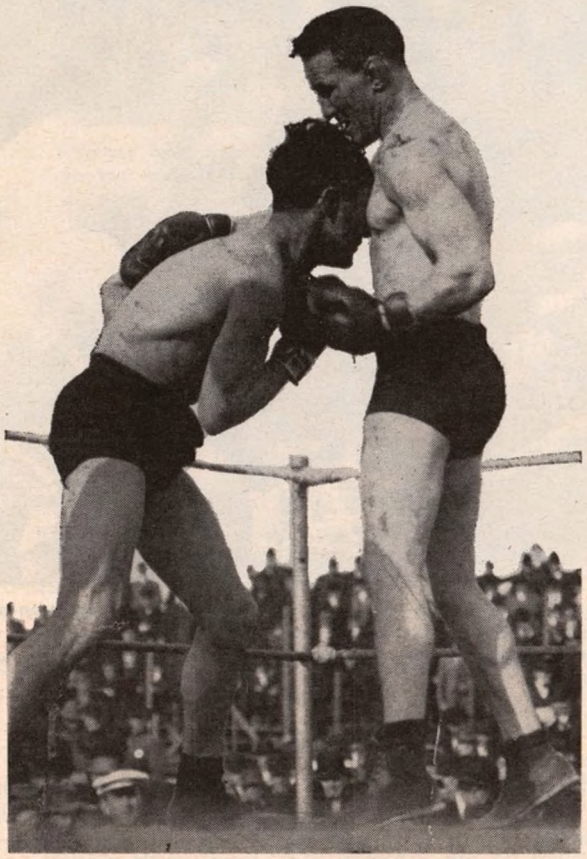
The Big Fight of 1959—the rubber match between Ray Robinson and Carmen Basilio is anxiously awaited. Robinson might go for the light heavyweight title, but the biggest gate appears to be with Basilio.

FIRST OF A SERIES

By **NAT FLEISCHER**

HARLEM TOMMY MURPHY BUILT PRISMATIC CAREER

THE death of Harlem Tommy Murphy, one of the great little fighting men of four decades ago, who started as a bantam, and later fought the best of the featherweights and lightweights, recalls the most glorious era in the history of boxing in New York.



A scene in the twentieth round of the famous battle in Daly City, Calif., March 9, 1912, in which "Harlem" Tommy Murphy (right) lost the decision to Abe Attell.

New York has seen many spectacular battles. It has been honored with the presence of the world's greatest ringmen. But never could it match the array of talent, especially in the lighter divisions that it boosted in the days when Murphy, Leach Cross, Knockout Brown, Charley Goldman, Young Otto, Bert Keyes, Jack Goodman, Joe Bedell and Willie Beecher furnished the fireworks.

Harlem Tommy's career was an exceedingly interesting and exciting one. Had he fought in the present era, the type of opponents he faced in the days before the big purses, augmented by television revenues, he would have retired a wealthy man.

Though the financial returns were not too lavish, during his eleven years of ring activity he earned enough to enable him to live comfortably for many years until family disturbances and the 1929 crash caused him to become mentally disturbed and he spent his last ten years in a New York hospital.

Harlem Tommy was a friendly fellow who neither drank nor smoked. Like the late Jack Johnson, he was a frequent visitor to The Ring offices. Tommy delighted in discussing his fights, many of which I had reported.

A couple of years before the Fighting Irishman decided to hang up his gloves, another Harlem boy was starting on a career that brought him to the top of the lightweight division and eventually landed him into the class of all time greats. Benny Leonard was that newcomer, destined to replace Harlem Tommy and Leach Cross as New York's pride.

MURPHY SAW LEONARD ACHIEVING LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

Sitting with me in the Fairmont Club the night that Benny and Phil Bloom topped Billy Gibson's card, Murphy remarked:

"That's what I call clever fighting." Then pointing to Benny, he added, "If that Kid can retain his cleverness and develop a good punch, he'll be a world beater."

Murphy lived to see his prediction come true. He and Benny became close friends and on many occasions when Leonard was in training, Harlem Murphy was among the

Handsome Billy Conn in the midst of a group of famed Irishmen who gathered to wish him luck in his return bout with Fred Apostoli which Billy won. Left to right—Frankie Burns, Harlem Tommy Murphy, James J. Braddock, Billy Conn, Charley Roden, who toured the hospitals in New Jersey with this group during World War II, "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien, Young Rector, Vic McLaughlin and Billy DeFoe.

spectators. Once he even donned the gloves to give Benny a workout. Asked whether he had hoped to give Benny some pointers Murphy replied:

"Fighting was my trade until I retired. I liked it. I always did. When I watch a kid like Leonard manoeuver around the ring, jab, hit, counter, duck and feint his man into a knot, boy, I get a thrill. Frankly, I really wanted to see what Benny could do against me, though my days in the ring are over."

"Did he show you anything?" I asked. "Enough to prove to me that we Irish had better look after our laurels", he replied with a grin.

What made Harlem Tommy a big attraction not only in New York but around the country? His fighting qualities, his gay disposition and his willingness to face the toughest ringmen in the two divisions in which he stood out so prominently—feather and lightweight.

He fought every man who had a claim to one of the top ten positions in world ranking. Within two months—February and April, 1913—he met Ad Wolgast twice, the first a twenty round draw and the second, a loss in twenty rounds. One year later, he lost a thrilling twenty rounder to Willie Ritchie, for the lightweight crown.

What would the I. B. C. give to-day to be able to make up his program from among those whom Harlem Tommy faced! Few among those following boxing to-day, including most of the sports writers, can visualize the fighting qualities of the stalwarts who fought when Murphy was in his prime.

TOMMY WAS STAR AMONG CLUB FIGHTER SPECIES

Murphy was what the fight enthusiasts like to call a club fighter. Like Leonard and Cross of old, and Jose Torres of the present era, he packed 'em in every time he fought. To New Yorkers, he was what Abe Attell was to Californians—a crowd pleaser of the highest order and well liked outside the roped square.

When Murphy was a headliner in New York, there were twenty clubs operating in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Each had its following and those who drew the crowds, were the club fighters. Harlem Tommy was the ace performer at

When "Harlem" Tommy Murphy (right) appeared in the movie "Piccadilly Jim". With him is the actor Owen Moore.

Johnny Oliver's New Polo Athletic Club, situated on the southwest corner of Park Avenue and 129th Street. Johnny had a boat house on the Harlem River and there he rented out row boats and canoes. That was his regular business. Fight promotion was his hobby.

Murphy, who home was in the Greenpoint Section of Brooklyn, became Oliver's house fighter as were others at Billy Newman's Long Acre A. C.; Billy Gibson's Fairmont Athletic Club; Jim Buckley's Sharkey Athletic Club; Tom O'Rourke's National Sporting Club; Ike Fordon's Dry Dock A. C. No. 1; Bill Brown's Gymnasium; The Manhattan Casino; Jes McMahon's Olympic Club; Billy Elmer's Gymnasium; The Empire A. C.; The Star A. C.; in Harlem and Howard Athletic Club among others.

Each had at least one outstanding fighter who was the representative of the organization when such a house battler was pitted against one from another locality, fur would fly and the police invariably would have their hands full keeping rival supporters in line.

Shortly after World War Two broke out, I organized a

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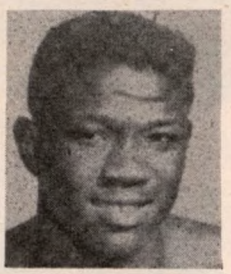

Emil Griffith, New York Welterweight

Billy Collins, Detroit Welterweight

Carmie Price, Ambridge, Pa. Lightweight

Willie Moran, Louisville Welterweight

Billy Braggs, Milwaukee Lightweight

From This Group Of Prospects

A Number Of Big Stars Will Develop

In 1959—

Accent On YOUTH

By LEW ESKIN

In 1958 The Ring picked 71 boys whom we felt had the makings to move up into the headline class. As in the past our percentage was high with bantamweight Horace (Boots) Monroe of Los Angeles making the biggest strides. Monroe put together eight straight wins, the last seven by kayos, in gaining the California state bantam crown and also earned himself a spot among the top ten world contenders.

Of the seven heavyweights tabbed by us, Giacoma Bozzano of Italy has remained undefeated as he has moved into the position of the number one contender for the European title. Ernest Terrell of Chicago and Terry Lewis of Seattle, Wash., also moved up fast and are on the brink of becoming top attractions. Bob Cleroux of Canada also moved along and is still undefeated.

Sonny Ray and Jesse Bowdry both were picked and both moved into the top ten and New England champion Billy Ryan is on the brink of the rated group.

Of the nine middleweights picked Don Fullmer, Rocky Fumerelle, Phil Moyer and Joe DeNucci all moved up to main bout status. Out of the dozen 147 pounders named, Frankie Belma held Art Aragon to draw in his last fight; Ray Lancaster fought Len Matthews to a standstill; Dennis Moyer has whipped former champion Johnny Saxton and Gaspar Ortega; Dale Manz was still moving up when he met an untimely death in an air crash; Joey Archer is still rolling along undefeated.

Ten 135 pounders were picked and Marvin McFarland; Charley Douglas, who

"Irish" Jackie Donnelly, Buffalo, N. Y. Lightweight

Joe Shaw, Kansas City, Mo. Welterweight

George Logan, Boise, Idaho Heavyweight

is now fighting in Europe; Sid Lugo and Gene Gresham of Detroit are all doing well. Gene recently won the Michigan State title.

Among the smaller men aside from Monroe, Johnny Kidd of Scotland, Walt Ingram of West Virginia, Eduardo Guerrero of Mexico, Floyd Gatiuan of Hawaii, Freddy Gilroy of Ireland, Terry Spinks of England, Ron Davis of Wales, Edgar Basil of Germany and Saul Becerril of Mexico all have lived up to what was expected of them.

In 1959 there are numerous youngsters begging for a chance to move up the fistic ladder. Among those having the best chance of making it are heavyweights Tom McNeely, a strong, durable belter from Arlington, Mass., a 200 pounder who has won seven straight with six kayos and another New Englander, former AAU champion Lee Williams of Boston. Lee also a 200 pounder with a 6-0-0 mark, records all kayos including Oliver Wilson who has kayoed Charlie Norkus. Other heavyweights who look good: Don Warner of Philadelphia with a 4-1 log, also all kayos; Willie Richardson of Portland, Oregon, with a 5-0 kayo mark; Cornelius Rodgers of Youngstown, Ohio, a former amateur star unbeaten in 3 fights; George Logan of Boise, Idaho with a 5-0-1 log and the amazing LaMar Clark of Cedar City, Utah, with a record of 32 straight, the last 31 by kayos, including six in one night and a whole flock of one round kayos to his credit including a record shattering seven second win.

Von Clay of Philadelphia with a 5-0-1 log; Bartolo Soni of the Dominican Republic with a 5-0-0 log; Don Deters of Detroit 4-0-0; former Hungarian Olympic star Matt Plachy now fighting out of Houston, Texas with a 7-0-0 mark, including 6 kayos; Dick Lee of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. fighting out on the West Coast has a 3-0-1 mark but has looked good. Ernie Knox of Baltimore lost his last time out to experienced Jimmy Robinson after winning 5 in a row but seems to have the makings; Clay Thomas of Brooklyn is unbeaten in a half a dozen bouts and Chic Calderwood of Scotland has scored 9 kayos in winning all 13 of his bouts, are the cream of the light heavyweights.

Among the 160 pounders Willie Green of Warwick, R. I. stands out. Willie has rolled over 16 straight foes, including a 3 round kayo of former welterweight champion Johnny Saxton. A strong slugger he has kayoed 12 of his victims. Sonny Hill of Detroit unbeaten in eight fights; Tony Dominguez of Oakland, Calif., with a 7-0-1 log; Greatest Crawford of Brooklyn with a 7-0-1 mark; Norm Smith of Oakland, Calif., with a 5-1 record and Blair Richardson of Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada 5-1-1 record all look ready for the jump up in class.

The welterweights have two fine ex amateur champions in Emile Griffith of New York who has won all of his six pro starts and Joe Shaw of Kansas City undefeated also in six starts. Other good looking comers are Billy Collins of Detroit with a 11-0-0 log; Julio Romero of the Bronx, New York City, with five straight wins; Al Malone of Mobile, Ala. a heavy hitter who has a 6-2-0 record, all his wins being scored by kayos including reversing his two losses. Curtis Cokes of Dallas, Texas has won all 9 of his pro starts while Paul Stivaletta of Dedham, Mass. has a log of 7 straight kayos to his credit; Willie Moran of Louisville, Ky. posted 4-1-0; Colin Moore of Derby, England has a fine 9-0-0 mark since joining the pro ranks.

The lightweights are loaded with talented youngsters with Tony French of Working, England, a 16 year old who won 13 straight; John Patrick Britt of Philadelphia, Pa., last year's AAU 126 pound Champion, has won all of his five pro fights; Chico Rollins of New York another ex amateur star has not lost in four fights; Bobby Hicks of Seattle, Wash. has ten straight victories under his belt; Billy Braggs of Milwaukee, Wisc. has four straight kayo wins; Carmie Price, 1958 national Golden Glove champion from Ambridge, Pa., has won all 4 of his pro fights. Tommy Garrow of Claremont, N. H., has lost but 1 of 14, that on a cut eye; Dick Kirby of Los Angeles has won 7 in a row; Tony Pardon of Venezula has won all eleven of his starts;

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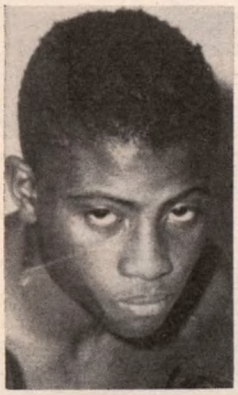
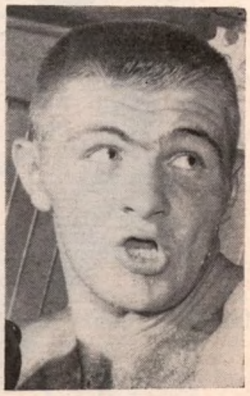
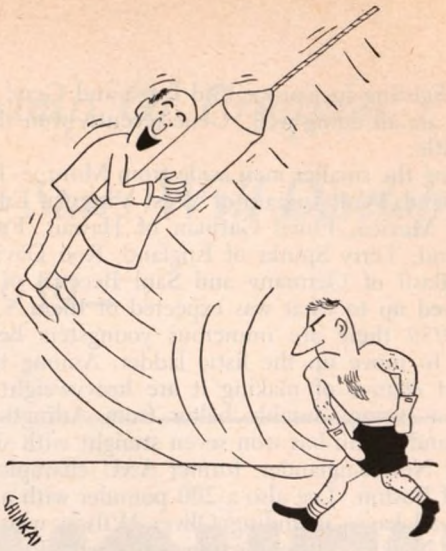
Kayo King, LaMar Clark of Cedar City, Utah, who has scored 32 straight kayos in winning all 33 of his fights during 1958.



Bobby Hicks, Seattle, Wash. Lightweight



"Irish" Tom McNeely, Arlington, Mass. Heavyweight



Everybody Likes a Fight

Farley No. 1 Fan Now, but Other Celebs Have Loved Ring Right Down the Years

By TED CARROLL

THE names of Harry Wills and James A. Farley, linked in life thirty years ago, when the then head of the New York Boxing Commission refused to license the Tunney-Dempsey bout in New York, because of Wills, and shunted the contest to Philadelphia, were joined again at the funeral services for the Brown Panther, Farley was the lone national celebrity to appear.

This was typical of Farley, who in a lifetime replete with honors and success has never forgotten the world of boxing in which he gained so much acclaim, and its people. Farley and Wills had much in common, both being splendid representatives of their respective callings. Cleanliness, in the highest moral sense of the term, was the mark of both.

Stately and immaculate as of yore, Farley has conceded little to the advancing years in general appearance, although he has passed the alloted three score and ten. He looks remarkably unchanged from the days when his word was law in boxing in New York State. Nor has he changed in the ready recognition he extends to old friends from off the pugilistic beat, always displaying the uncanny power of name recollection for which he has become noted.

Farley's devotion to boxing as a sport has remained constant over the decades. His attendance at big fights has been automatic and he has been a favored speaker at Boxing affairs since he left Haverstraw N. Y. following World War 1, to begin his ascent to the political heights.

Farley may be singled out among public figures as Boxing's No. 1 Patron for the past thirty years.

Nor does Farley lack company in the ranks of the famous who favor boxing. Overseas, the Duke of Edinburgh, consort of the Queen of England, is the Empire's first fan, conspicuous at matches of merit.

Lightheavyweight Jimmy Slade, spying the Duke at the ringside, bowed stiffly in the direction of the royal visitor before starting hostilities against Don Cockell in London on December 4, 1951, thereby causing manager Al Joyner some concern that his fighter might attempt to further his social status by acting too kindly towards Englishman Cockell. However the mentor's fears were unfounded. Figuring that he had done his share in bettering Anglo-American amity, Slade stopped Cockell in four rounds.

The Duke was setting no precedent by his ringsiding.

The one time King and now Duke of Windsor was no stranger to the resinous aroma of the ring.

One of the legends of the fight business unfolds the tale of how Jack Curley, boxing and wrestling promoter, was awakened in the wee hours, in his Great Neck, L. I. mansion, by a clattering and moving about in his downstairs kitchen.

Investigation revealed that the intruders were none other than Georges Carpentier, a house guest at the Curley menage, and a blond, nice looking young man, whom "Gorgeous Georges" introduced to the amazed Curley as H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Whether this incident really took place in the dawn's early light, or in Mons, Curley's fertile, publicity-immersed, imagination, is beside the point. Carpentier was a special favorite of the Prince's and the story is entirely credible.

The Prince came by his boxing bent honestly as his grandfather, King Edward VII, son of long-lived Queen Victoria, during his extended term as Prince of Wales ranked high among the Empire's fistic followers.

The British heir discovered in a meeting with John L. Sullivan during Victoria's reign, that he had much in common with the irrepressible John L. and the feeling was mutual on the part of the old time "Boston Strong Boy." "The Prince is a good scout," was Sullivan's comment to his somewhat irritated Irish following upon his return home from the meeting.

Among public men in this country few have favored boxing more than twice presidential candidate, Thomas E. Dewey, former Governor of New York. Apparently his crime busting career as New York City's most redoubtable District Attorney uncovered little to shake his interest in the sport. It did not take an extraordinary contest to bring out Dewey, he was a frequent Madison Square Garden viewer. One of his successors, sport-conscious, former polo player, Averell Harriman, kept the gubernatorial fistic bent alive with his attendance at big matches.

Before his elevation to the Presidency, Harry S. Truman, a man of fighting temperament, found enjoyment watching bouts. A prize specimen of pugilistic memorabilia is a picture of Truman congratulating lightweight Tony Janiro, in the dressing room during Harry's tenure as Vice-President.

Pre-eminent among men of wealth who have at one time or another actually participated in the pugilistic procession as sponsors or enthusiasts were the Anthony J. Drexel Biddles, senior and junior, Philadelphia "Mainliners" of social impeccability.

Biddle Sr. was the subject of a Broadway stage success, "The Happiest Millionaire," plotted around his avid interest in things pugilistic. The younger Biddle took an active part in the direction of good Belgian middleweight Rene De Vos, in partnership with Jimmy Bronson.

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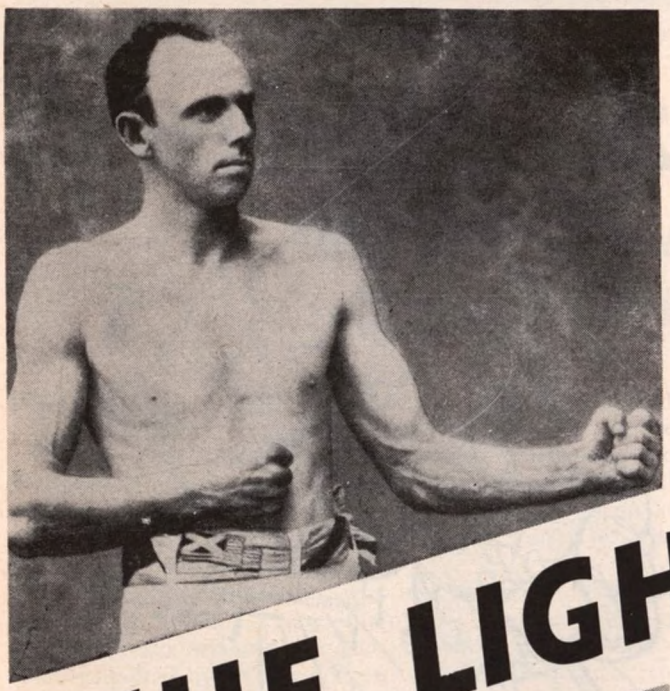
Some Humorous Incidents Involving World Champions; They Enjoyed a Good Laugh as Much as a Good Fight



Demonstrating his famous solar plexus punch on the stage, Bob Fitzsimmons came up against a shrewdy who placed a flat board under his shirt. "'E broke me bloomin' thumb, 'he did," roared Fitz after the plank prank was played on him.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

BY NAT LOUBET

AFTER Bob Fitzsimmons had won the world heavyweight title, wherever he went, he was besieged by reporters and the public with inquiries on how he had knocked out Jim Corbett. Percy Williams, theatrical celebrity, was manager of a tour which had been arranged for Ruby Robert and for the purpose of added publicity, he arranged for Fitz to give a demonstration of the solar plexus blow at conferences with the scribes arranged by Percy.

Fitz and his party had arrived in New York and were to appear at the Academy of Music for four days. Ruby Robert was in great condition and wanted to show off when the newspapermen had arrived for an interview. Fred Mandigo then Sports Editor of "The Evening Sun" suggested, as was to be expected, that the Cornishman demonstrate the solar plexus punch on the big bag he used on the stage. Instead, Fitz asked Reggie Williams, brother of Percy, if he would oblige and be the victim, with a promise from Freckled Bob that Reggie would not be hurt.

But Reggie already had gone through some sad experience during Fitzsimmons' previous demonstrations, hence, expecting to be called upon again, he obtained a flat board, placed it under his shirt and was prepared for the worst. He was out for revenge and he got it to the chagrin of the champion.

"Now Reggie," said Fitzsimmons, brace yourself so that I kin show 'em Ow it's dun."

"I'm ready," said Reggie, "but for the love of Mike, be lenient, Bob. Not too hard."

Fitzsimmons grinned, stepped back and then came forward with a lunge.

"'Er's 'Ow it's dun," he remarked as he let out a laugh but seconds later, the shoe was on the other foot. He let out a groan.

"Ouch," he shouted, "and with a look of intense pain, he walked up and down, shaking the hand that had clouted Reggie.

"What's wrong Bob? Are you hurt?", asked Percy Williams, who was in on the joke.

"Wot's t' matter, asks you?," roared Fitz in anger. *"That bloomin' brother of yours, the idiot, 'e 'as a sheet uv iron under his vest. 'E broke me bloomin' thumb, 'e did. Let's 'ave no more solar plexus demonstrations. I've 'ad enuf!"*

Thereafter, never again on any of his tours did Fitzsimmons show the scribes or his audiences "ow 'e beat Corbett." He had learned his lesson.

Fortunately the day of the mishap was his last in New York and he had no further engagements for some time. Thus his thumb had a chance to heal.

AN ITCH AND A DIVE

Bob Fitzsimmons was a practical joker whose pranks both in the training camps and in civilian life topped the playboy tactics of any other fighter. Life to Ruby Robert, was one laugh after another.

After his retirement from boxing, Fitzsimmons opened a tavern in Newark, New Jersey, in the U.S.A., with Dan McGinnity as his partner. Though Dan was a humorous

Irishman who had many friends, many persons visited the place to shake the hand of the great heavyweight who had relieved Jim Corbett of the crown with the now famous solar plexus punch. Fitzsimmons spent much time in the tavern as a result of which business was far above par and the place became a sportsmen's rendezvous.

Hand-shaking can be overdone, as many politicians know from experience and it didn't take Fitzsimmons long to tire of it. He decided on a plan that he soon put into operation. He sent to a drug store for some cow itch, rubbed some on his hand and with each new greeting he gave his new friend a tight grasp, rubbing the itch into the palm of the victim's hand while doing so.

One after the other, they came to greet the former champion and each one got a dose of the itch. Soon everyone in the tavern who had shaken Fitzsimmons' hand was scratching it with no one but Dan McGinnity the wiser as to how the person got the itch. Fitz watched the proceedings for some time, then couldn't control himself any longer and let out a merry laugh as he told the group what had happened.

On Thanksgiving Day, Fitz and McGinnity decided to hold a raffle for two ducks. The affair was to take place on the morning of the holiday in the vicinity of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey where all hands were to enjoy a feast. When the time for the raffle had arrived, Fitz was about to take up one of the prizes when the duck broke for the pond.

The other duck quickly followed with Ruby Robert after them. First one flapped his wings as Bob got close to him and dived into the lake. Then as Fitz made a lunge for the other, that duck followed suit and into the lake it dived. As Fitz made a flying tackle for it, he slipped and fell head first into the lake where, minus wings, he emerged with a head full of weeds.

SAW TWENTY FIRPOS

Jack Dempsey is a good story teller. When he visited Army and Navy hospitals after World War Two he kept the service men in high spirits with his tales about his thrilling fights. One that hit the mark was that about his feelings during the second round of his bout with Luis Firpo in which he was knocked out of the ring in the opening session and came close to losing the crown.

"Did you ever see that man Firpo either in the flesh or pictures?" he asked. *"Well I did. Not one Firpo but about twenty all staring me in the face as I was pushed off my stool for the second round of our battle.*

"Hair on his chest two inches thick. Dark, beady eyes. A wild look that had me scared.

"I came out for that second round after the 'Wild Bull' had draped me over the ropes in the opening frame. Ammonia stinging my nostrils, I saw Firpos everywhere. Every time I saw one, I let him have it. I banged away from all angles. They tell me he went down like a poled steer but I didn't know it. I was probably more dazed than he was between my experience in hitting the typewriter of the newspaperman and the dose of smelling salts Jack Kearns handed me. When it was over and I had been doused with water, Kearns patted me and said:

"Fine work, Champ. You did it."

"It was only then that I learned that I had knocked out Firpo and that he had almost knocked me out."

Telling of his fight with Willard, Dempsey said: *"That fight in Toledo was a nightmare. I went back to my hotel room, exhausted and within a few minutes I was fast asleep. I then had the most hair-raising nightmare imaginable. I dreamed I was fighting big Jess Willard. He was beating me awfully bad.*

"I dreamed that I was pleading with Jack Kearns to stop the fight. Then suddenly I fell off the bed and hit my head

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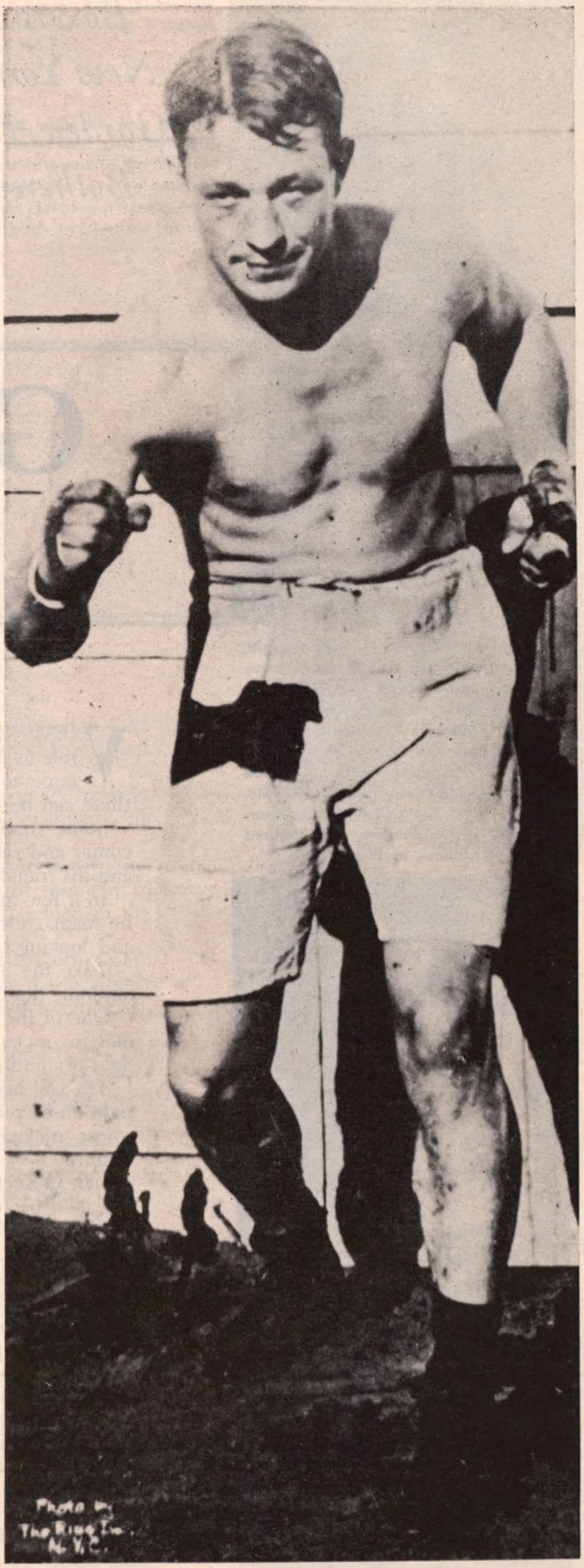
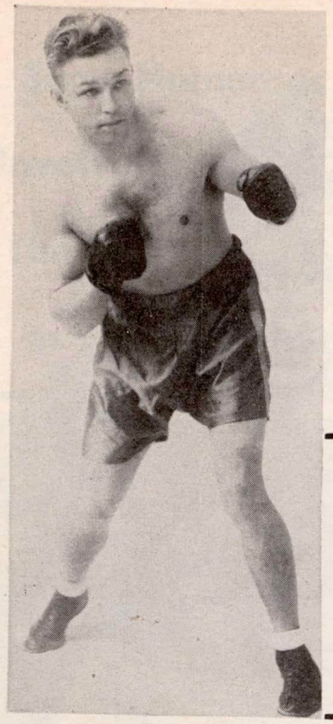
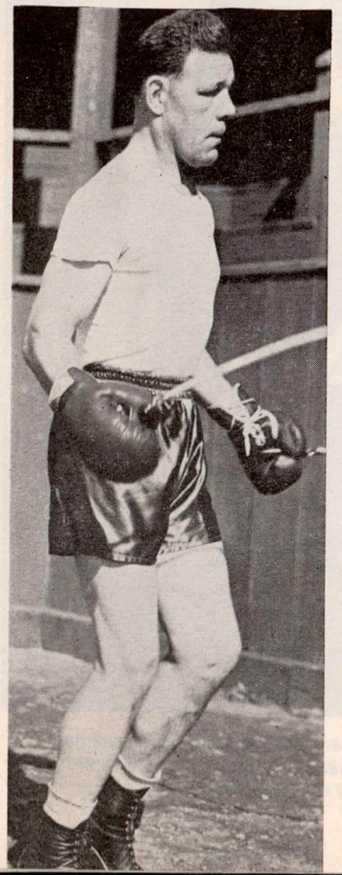


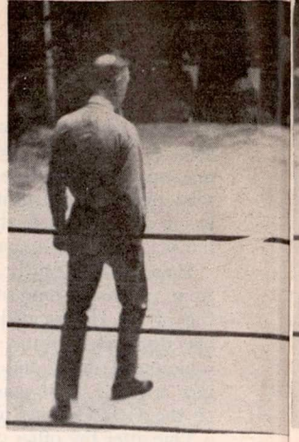
Stanley Ketchel, world middleweight champion, had a good laugh the night he ordered champagne for everyone at the bar, knocked over all the bottles and ran.

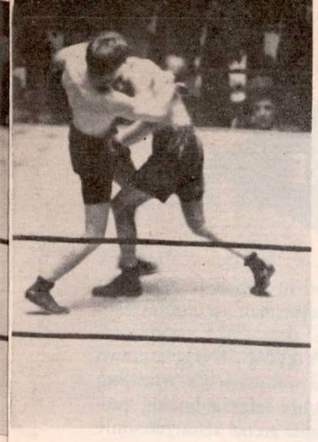


(Above) King Tut, St. Paul lightweight, looked good until he froze in massive Madison Square Garden against Lope Tenorio. Later on he kayoed Tenorio in four. (Below) Tuffy Griffiths was a likely looking heavyweight in the late 1920's, especially after he kayoed former light heavy champ Mike McTigue in one. But he couldn't get "untracked" in the Garden, was stopped by Jim Braddock in two.



Boxers Making Debut in New York's Madison Square Garden Are Often Bewitched, Bothered And Bewildered





Ray Miller, now a top-flight referee, was knocking 'em dead in 1928, including the nifty performance of halting Jimmy McLarnin in eight rounds in Detroit. But it was a different story when they tangled at Madison Square Garden the following year, McLarnin once more the master, Miller the victim of the jinx.

Great things were heard of Paul Jorgensen while he was fighting in Texas rings. It was there that he drew with and defeated Carmelo Costa in 1956. But when they battled again in the Garden, Jorgensen seemed awed by it all, performed like a rank amateur while Costa walked away with the decision. Jorgensen—away from the Garden—has since fought his way back to the top of the feather heap.

GARDEN JINX

By LESTER BROMBERG

VIEW Madison Square Garden in the glory of retrospect or in its recent role as New York City origination point for televised fights, it's still the same to men of the ring who feel its uncanny spell. The first time in there can be deadly.

Some strange force focusses itself on the mind, arms and legs of the newcomer and robs him of his poise, even his punch . . . to himself, his handlers and his friends, he isn't recognizable.

In a few instances the mark remains and he isn't the same fighter wherever he roams. Others have the experience of later regaining their old effectiveness and looking back on it all as an impossibly bad dream.

Take the 33 years the Garden has been in operation and pick any year at random, the chances are you'll come across an example of this eerie spell.

One of the most interesting goes back to 1928, when New York's still new, massive arena was being run, boxing-wise, by the most glamorous name in fight-promotion history, Tex Rickard.

Tex had been listening to stories from the midwest of Tuffy Griffiths, brawly right-hand puncher from Sioux City, Iowa, a 21-year-old light heavyweight whose nickname described him. He had been christened Gerald Ambrose Griffith.

Jack O'Keefe, a notable Chicago figure of the time, was Griffiths' manager and he'd been paging Rickard aggressively. The old westerner listened but he knew—as anybody promoting then had to know—that you didn't bring in a new face cold.

Then, in September of 1928, Griffiths, in Chicago, knocked out ex-light heavyweight champion Mike McTigue in the first round.

"We *all took notice of him on that,*" Jimmie Bronson, one of boxing's esteemed old guard, pointed out recently. And Rickard recognized this as the sign for which he'd been waiting. He promptly closed with O'Keefe "for later" and the wiseguys along Broadway, going with the tide, decided in their "morning line," that the new murderer would be 8-1 against practically anybody.

Jim Braddock, young Jerseyite with a satisfactory record but without Griffiths' widely heralded reputation, became "*anybody,*" the date late in November.

Griffiths, in the fashion of the era, got ready for the match by touring. In Detroit he ice-packed Joe Anderson in four rounds, in Sioux City it was Jim Mahoney in three, in Davenport, Iowa, Jackie Williams didn't get beyond the first.

The fearsome Tuffy proved authentic box office. By the time he and Jim squared off, the Garden was packed. Official figures were 19,565, a record for the building at the time, paying $53,836.

As indicated, the topflight gamblers went solidly for Griffiths, although "the office," the combine which handled Braddock (manager Joe Gould was a part of same), loyally took the price.

As ever, Braddock faced up to his assignment with disregard for its hazards. He probed with his left hand, kept his own guard high. And meanwhile he spotted flaws in Griffiths' defense.

"*I don't know what it was, I couldn't get untracked,*" Griffiths later was to say.

But Jim, knowing exactly what he was doing, picked the right moment to lower the boom. His right hand crashed against Tuffy's chin. It ended in the second round, a startling knockout.

Tex Sullivan, his right-hand bower these many years, recalled the other day: "*'The office' never cashed a bigger bet . . . if you ask me, I'd say it was almost as big an upset for Jim as the time he beat Max Baer for the heavyweight title. Those were 10-1 paper odds on Baer, this was a betting fight.*"

Rickard brought Griffiths back a month later on a card topped by Jim Maloney and he beat Charley Belanger. In '29 Tuffy knocked out Ludwig Hayman and won from Johnny Risko there. The Garden had become green fields to Griffiths but he never forgot his rude introduction.

Rickard's death and the installation of a Garden boxing department didn't alter basic aspects.

In the early 1930s Lee Ramage, a new heavyweight from San Diego, Calif., was making a name for himself under the management of Ray Carlen, later the man who brought Lou Nova East.

Carlen was no giant-step type, however. He made it clear he meant to acclimate Ramage to the East before leaping into the big cauldron. He had him in Philadelphia, Boston, Holyoke, Newark, before the Garden.

Moreover, when it came to selecting an opponent, the manager settled on an old acquaintance. Ramage had fought Steve Hamas three times on the west coast, win, lose, then a draw . . . if anything, Lee had to feel at home against the one-time Penn State collegian.

No dice, though. It was a boo-boo by Carlen. They drew no money, 3484 paying only $5751 (and no $4000 apiece guaranteed from TV!), and Ramage blew the decision. "*Not myself,*" he moaned.

As a result, Lee never again boxed on top in New York's big building. On the Coast he retrieved prestige sufficiently a year later to be given the opportunity of serving as Chicago cannon fodder for the then oncoming Joe Louis.

In the thirties, it was almost a custom for California headliners to take the long journey to New York (they were still traveling mainly by rail) and acquire

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A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

NOWHERE IN THE RING RECORD OF JOE LOUIS is there mention of a fight with Isidoro Gastanaga, for the very good reason that they never boxed. This does not mean, however, that they weren't matched. They were, but the reason behind the failure of Louis and Gastanaga to collide in the ring still gives a chuckle, after almost twenty-five years, to veteran boxing people who remember the incident. It is funny now, but it wasn't then.

At the time, Louis was an up-and-coming youngster who just had been signed to an exclusive contract by the late Mike Jacobs. Gastanaga was a solid-hitting Cuban heavyweight who was considered an excellent attraction. Jacobs conceived the idea of matching the two heavyweights for a bout in Havana and promptly dispatched two of his associates to look over the situation in Cuba and make the necessary preparations.

They reported back, after a week in the Pearl of the Antilles, that all was well and that Louis-Gastanaga would draw a tremendous gate in Havana. Jacobs closed all details with the managers of the two heavyweights and then, to give this international match the importance he felt was its due, Mike invited most of the New York boxing writers to journey to Havana for the contest.

As students of Latin-American history well know, revolutions are not at all uncommon in those countries and the West Indies. There have been any number of political upheavals in Cuba but the one that took place in 1934 brought an immediate cancellation of the Louis-Gastanaga match.

It seems that Promoter Jacobs, despite his undoubted courage, did not relish the idea of having machine-guns stuck in his ribs, especially since he was a good citizen of the United States and had no personal concern whatsoever with the political shenanigans going on in Cuba.

About two weeks before the bout was scheduled to take place, Jacobs thought it would be a good idea to follow up on the report of his emissaries by a personal study of the situation. Airplane travel between Miami Beach and Havana at that time was something of an adventure in itself but Jacobs managed to book a flight and landed, full of enthusiasm and high hopes, at the Havana airport.

As he disembarked from the plane Jacobs was rather surprised to discover that he was being met by a reception committee. He did not take kindly to this committee at all because it consisted of two military policemen, equipped with machine-guns, whose job it was to see that no harm befell the American promoter. Mike protested against this sort of protection but then he learned that a revolution of sorts was even then in progress and foreigners might not be entirely safe unescorted by gendarmes.

Never one to require more than two seconds to reach a decision Jacobs reached one on this occasion in no time at all. He graciously thanked his "hosts," turned right around and reboarded the plane which was due to return to the Miami airport in a few hours. As soon as he was back in the States, Jacobs sent word to the boxing writers in New York to unpack. And so there is no mention of a Louis-Gastanaga fight in the books.

ARCHIE MOORE IS TRYING TO CONVINCE TRUMAN GIBSON, president of the International Boxing Club, to put him on the IBC staff as a good-will ambassador. Archie's argument is that he *"not only fights a good fight but talks a good fight."* This reminds us of the time someone asked Archie where he had acquired his extensive vocabulary. *"Just from talking,"* the light-heavy king replied.

HERE'S ANOTHER JACK HURLEY STORY: in Washington, D. C., recently to help promote the Harlem Globetrotters, Hurley complained to Morris Siegel, Washington News columnist, of his sinus trouble.

"In Seattle, where the weather is always bad and terrible for sinus sufferers, I've had 22 sinus operations," said Hurley.

"So why don't you move?" asked Siegel.

"Oh, no," answered Hurley, *"I'm doing too good out there."*

DURING THE YEARS WE'VE BEEN AROUND BOXING we've heard of hundreds of "dream matches," that is, fights of the imagination, like Ketchel vs. Zale, Mickey Walker vs. Ray Robinson, Dempsey vs. Louis, Louis vs. Marciano, etc. Now the one you hear most frequently mentioned is Marciano vs. Floyd Patterson.

Well, what would have happened? We like the answer Dempsey invariably uses to sidestep giving a direct answer to the question of what he thinks would have happened had he and Louis boxed in the same era. *"I'm just glad we never had to fight,"* says Jack.

IN FORT WAYNE, IND., a crowd of 5,116 turned out to see a wrestling show. Two nights later a boxing program in the same arena attracted only 1,230. Pretty much the same thing is true at the Garden in New York where 15,000 will turn out to watch wrestling but only a few thousand will pay to see boxing. We think we know the reason.

Wrestlers are hilarious when they fight; boxers are terrible when they wrestle.

A wrestling match is a funny spectacle when the grapplers throw punches at each other. A boxing bout is a boring sight when the opponents wrestle instead of throwing punches.

A SPORTS COLUMNIST COMMENTING on the fact that Fritzie Zivic, having lost a half-million in ring earnings through bad investments was now working with a pick and shovel at $1.70 an hour, remarked that Fritzie's "worst investment" was boxing.

This doesn't make sense. It was through boxing that Zivic made his half-million. Is it the fault of boxing if he invested it unwisely? We believe Zivic would be the first to say: *'Tis better to have been champion and lost than never to have been champion at all.'*

AS HE SO OFTEN DOES, AND WE NEVER TIRE LISTENING, Charlie Goldman was talking again the other day about Rocky Marciano. *"Rocky had a freakish will power,"* said Charlie. *"One day somebody gave him the idea that vegetable juice was good for him. After that, at every meal, he'd insist on celery and carrot juice. And then one day I forgot it.*

" 'Where's my vegetable juice?' demanded Rocky. We explained that we'd forgot it that day.

"He kept insisting that we get it for him and finally I told him, 'Look Rocky, you're a big boy now. In fact, you're the strongest guy I've ever seen. You've won over 40 fights and you became heavyweight champion of the world without a shot of carrot juice and now, all of a sudden, you've got to have it. It won't hurt to skip one day without it.'

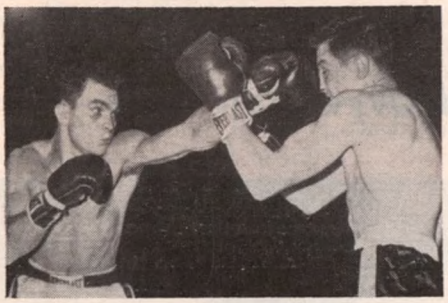
"It didn't do any good to argue. We had to send out for the carrot juice. But he must've known what he was doing because nobody ever beat him, did they?"

LANE DEFEATS ORTIZ

THE year 1958 closed it's doors on the fistic scene with an important lightweight battle in Miami Beach between the Numbers 1 and 2 ranked 135 pound contenders for Joe Brown's title. Southpaw Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Mich. and Carlos Ortiz of New York, N. Y.

The fight while not a thriller, provided the fans with sufficient action as it was an earnestly, hard fought bout which was as much a battle of wits as it was a battle of gloves.

Ortiz, who in his last fight held in England defeated British Champion, southpaw Dave Charnley, started the contest by attempting use of his left jab against Lane. However, Kenny unlike Charnley who fights more open and with a half squared stance, used a perfect reverse of the so called classic stance and was able to block most of Carlos' efforts with his right shoulder or glove. Finding that this type of attack was not working Ortiz quickly switched his sights to the body and it was with a steady two handed attack to his foe's midsection that he was able to gain an upper hand during the first half of the contest. Ortiz's lead was not by a wide margin as Lane countered with crisp left crosses and at times was able to land a series of right jabs without a return from Ortiz.



Kenny Lane (right) receives a left jab from Carlos Ortiz during their ten round lightweight fight at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

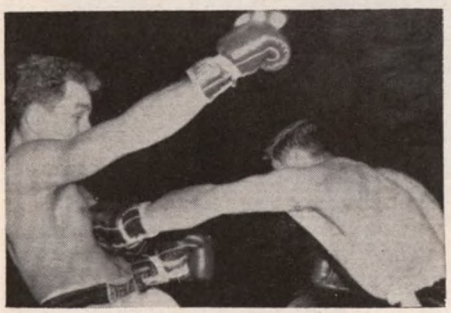
Over the first five rounds the officials failed to agree unanimously on a single session so close was the action as the tide see-sawed. Strangely the turning point which came in the sixth round appeared to be a break for Carlos. He opened a one inch gash on Kenny's left brow that bled profusely. However, this only seemed to spur Lane on at Oritiz switched from his winning body attack to hunting for the injured eye. Kenny rallied, closing out the round in good style and all three officials scored it "even".

Lane continued to mount an attack in the seventh round. Jolted Oritz's head with a sharp right hook and although Oritiz was trying to fight hard in the infighting, Lane was able to tie him up so securely that referee Billy Regan was forced to break them.

Oritiz again switched to the body in the eighth round and for the third round in a row all three officials' score cards gave Carlos the edge.

As the ninth round got under way the blond-haired New Yorker looked like a sure winner. But Lane showing the mark of a real pro turned on the steam and battered away with both hands. He stunned Carlos with a solid right hook to the chin then following up with a two-fisted barrage that forced Ortiz to give ground and won him a clean sweep of that chucker.

Kenny and Carlos both fought grimly in the final round knowing that the fight hung in the balance. Ortiz was able to reopen the cut over Lane's eye and land some solid shots but Lane's attack was steadier and had more effect.



Lane (right) comes back with hard left to the body of Ortiz. Carlos was ahead in the early rounds with fast finish by Lane copping the nod for the Michigan smarty.

Judge Carl Gardner scored it a draw 96-96 and 4-4-2 in rounds. Judge Barry Pearlman had it 98-95 and 5-2-3 in rounds for Lane, Referee Billy Regan scored it also for the Michigan lad by a 97-96 and 4-3-3 margin. It was a good fight and Ortiz lost nothing but the decision by his fine showing. Lane proved he is deserving of another chance at Brown's title. Unfortunately he will have to wait his turn as Brown puts his crown on the line against New York's Johnny Busso, who upset him in a non-title bout in November in the same ring. The Brown-Busso title fight will take place in the Houston Coliseum, Houston, Texas on February eleventh.

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Harry Wills as he looked in fighting prime.

the Legend that was HARRY WILLS

Passing of "Black Panther" Recalls Long, Futile Chase After Jack Dempsey and Chance at World Heavyweight Title

By JERSEY JONES

RECOLLECTIONS of probably the most controversial cause *celebre* in boxing annals were revived by the news of Harry Wills' passing during Christmas week.

Wills, dubbed the "Black Panther," may not have been the greatest Negro heavyweight the trade has known, but his long, futile chase after Jack Dempsey and a crack at the world championship represented one of the most notable chapters in the colorful history of the prize ring.

Whether Wills would have won the title, had he been given the opportunity, is something nobody ever will know, but for more than six years—from the summer of 1920 until the autumn of 1926—the controversy raged furiously.

The match failed to materialize, but Wills' manager, Paddy Mullins, proved himself a real opportunist and one of the shrewdest fistic pilots of his time. Making the most of Dempsey's apparent unwillingness to meet Wills, Mullins cleverly maneuvered the "Panther" along, studiously avoiding dangerous matches, using careful judgment in the selection of Harry's opponents, and earning a fortune for his fighter and himself, all the while pouring a steady stream of fuel on the blazing fires of the Dempsey-Wills furore.

Actually, neither Dempsey nor his manager, Jack Kearns, was averse to a match with Wills. The two Jacks realized what a tremendous attraction it would have been, but there was too much political opposition to the bout. Recollections were still vivid of the violent race riots which swept the United States after Jack Johnson's victory over Jim Jeffries in Reno in 1910, and Johnson's scandalous behavior during his reign as champion. Naturally, the powers that were had no hankering to invite a possible repetition of that sorry era.

Nevertheless, two serious efforts were made to promote a Dempsey-Wills fight. In 1922 Tex Rickard went so far as to announce a date and print admission tickets for the match at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City, and three years later Floyd Fitzsimmons, heading a syndicate of prominent mid-western business men, signed the rivals for a bout to be held at a place and on a date to be decided upon. In both instances, political pressure forced cancellations.

Following his smashing victory over Charley Weinert in New York in 1925, Wills and his wife, Sara, sailed aboard the Cunard liner "Berengaria" for a two-months' holiday jaunt through Europe.

Incidentally, one of the healthiest paydays in Wills' career was for the fight that never happened. When Harry was signed by Fitzsimmons and his associates he received an advance of $50,000 to bind the deal. (Dempsey never did receive the $125,000 he had been promised.) When the match failed to materialize, Wills and Mullins kept the money.

A PHYSICAL MODEL.

Wills was one of the finest physical specimens ever to grace any ring, and he probably was the strongest. No sculptor could have asked for a more ideal model. Harry was so perfectly proportioned that he looked even bigger than his 6 feet, 2 inches and 220 pounds.

For one of his impressive measurements, Wills was exceptionally agile, a good boxer and a ponderous puncher. His natural strength was well developed during his youth as a roustabout on the docks of his native New Orleans.

Harry's modus operandi in the ring was to close in on his opponent, grab and hold with his left arm and club away with his right hand to the head and body.

It wasn't only his opponents who learned to appreciate Wills' tremendous power. Surviving members of New York's fistic fraternity still recall a remarkable demonstration of it during the mid-20s. It was at the funeral of Silvey Burns, popular promoter and manager.

The funeral was from Silvey's flat on the third floor of an old tenement in the Mulberry Bend section. The pallbearers were having difficulty getting the casket out the door. After they had struggled vainly for some fifteen minutes, Wills volunteered to help.

The combined weight of the casket and Burns' body must have been about 600 pounds, but it represented no problem to Wills, with his early experience as a 'longshoreman. Harry bent down, got his right shoulder and arm under the casket, lifted it up and balanced it with his right hand as he toted it out the door and down the narrow creaking stairway to the waiting hearse.

NEARLY THREE SCORE AND TEN.

The record books listed Wills as having been born May 15, 1892, which would have made him 66 when he died. Actually, Harry was less than five months away from 70.

Manager Mullins chopped those three years off Wills' age. Harry was 31 when he knocked out Fred Fulton in Newark in 1920 and began his campaign as "Dark Menace" to Dempsey and the title. In those days, a fighter beyond the 30-year mark was regarded as an "old man," so Paddy decided it would be good policy to make Wills a few years younger than he really was.

Oddly enough, Wills' first athletic ambition was to become a jockey. As a youngster, weighing about 100 pounds, he hung around the stables of the New Orleans race tracks, but his hopes of becoming another Isaac Murphy were quickly dispelled. He grew too rapidly.

There is no authentic record of just when, where and how Harry was introduced to boxing, but it is presumed to have occurred when he got himself a job in the engine room of a ship bound from New Orleans to Australia. It was a long, tedious voyage, and the crew, in moments of relaxation, would don the gloves in impromptu bouts on deck. Wills must have been encouraged by his showings. Later, back in New Orleans, he competed in several "battles royal"

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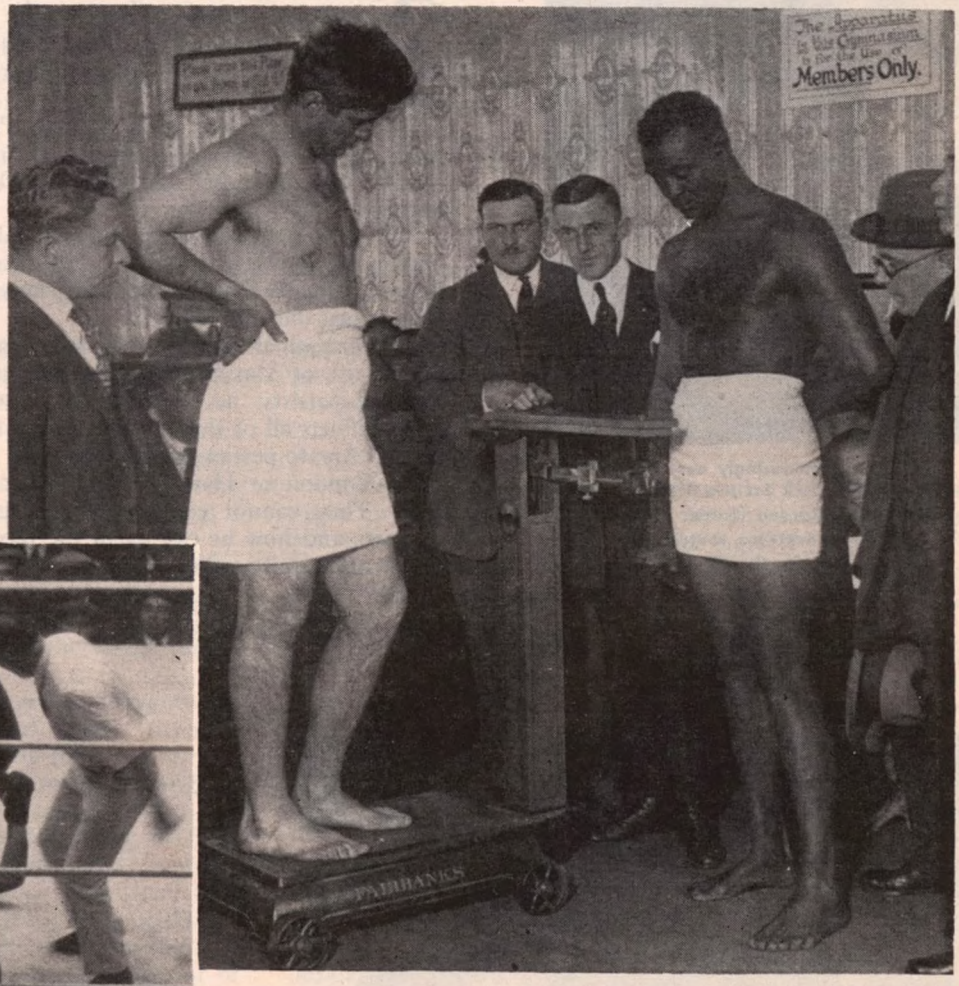
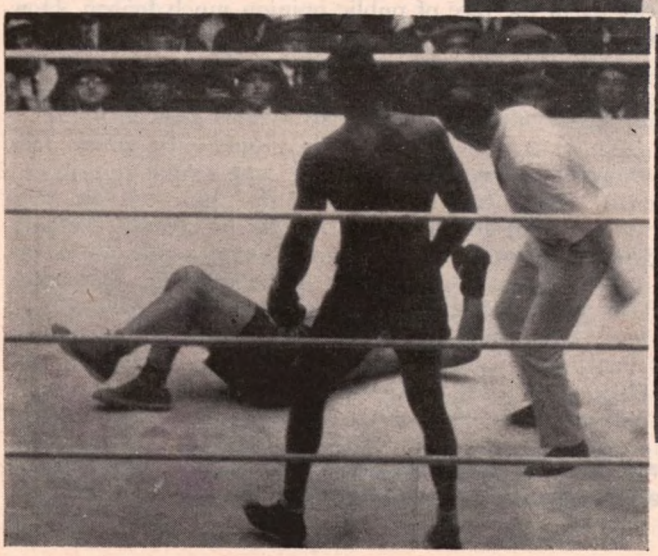
An idea of Wills' splendid physique is given in this camera shot of Harry and Louis Angel Firpo weighing in for their bout in Jersey City in 1924. The match drew a crowd of 70,000 and receipts of more than $500,000.

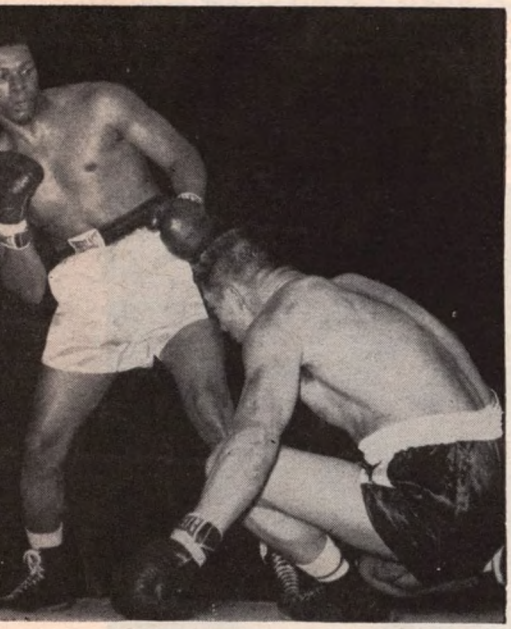


Wills scored the only knockdown of the bout when he dropped Firpo in second round. The burly Argentino survived that trip to the canvas and lasted the scheduled twelve rounds, but he was given a thorough drubbing by the Brown Panther.



Nino Valdes holds tight to his paper crown as Pat McMurtry and Archie Moore join him in a playful mood. Nino feels that if given a chance at Floyd Patterson he will have a real crown to wear. Or, if Floyd refuses to fight him he should be given the championship.

NINO VALDES TALKS TITLE



Nino stands menacingly over McMurtry as Pat hits the deck for the first time during their short Garden battle. Valdes' one round kayo over his touted West Coast foe put him in the fore of American Challengers.

By DAN DANIEL

As this issue of The Ring Magazine is circulated around the world, Floyd Patterson, heavyweight champion, has yet to become committed to a 1959 defense of his title.

There have been talks between Cus D'Amato, Patterson's bizarre manager, and Edwin Ahlquist, Johansson's eager pilot. But there are varying reports of these conferences.

The Swede says he will fight only Patterson. He maintains, with right and logic on his side, that his one round knockout of Eddie Machen qualified him as the top contender, and looks to D'Amato to concede this, and to public opinion to back him up.

However, D'Amato's do-nothing policy has developed a lamentable apathy among Americans toward heavyweight competition. Also, there is the deplorable belief among so many Yankee ring fans that if it didn't happen in an American ring, it just did not happen.

This parochial attitude toward European boxers should have been destroyed by the rise of Max Schmeling and Primo Carnera to the world title. But the attitude persists, nevertheless, and the game lies in heavyweight stagnation which affects all of the other divisions, as well.

If D'Amato persists in his moth ball policy, Johansson will be forced to meet Brian London or Harry Cooper. But Johansson and Ahlquist hope for the best. They cannot conceive how Cus can continue to keep the champion inactive, and how he can fly in the face of public opinion much longer. However, Cus is quite a flier.

Floyd Patterson, heavyweight champion of the world. . . . Life is one big happy party with plenty of talk and little fighting.

European Champion Ingemar Johansson shown with his manager Edwin Ahlquist at the recent Cooper-London fight that saw the new British Champion move into the picture along with the Swede and Valdes as the outstanding challengers in the field.

WHY?

While Johansson waits for Patterson, Bobby Gleason, talkative manager of the amazing Nino Valdes, goes around setting up his man as "the unofficial but true champion."

Emboldened by Nino's knockout triumph over Pat McMurtry, who that night in New York's Garden proved himself to be anything but a mental giant in ring technique, Gleason has been attacking the bona fides of Patterson's title.

Bobby shouts that Valdes was not consulted when the IBC announced that if Floyd were to beat Archie Moore, he would be acclaimed Rocky Marciano's official and legal successor.

The Ring is quite willing to accord to the 34 year old Valdes every honor, every bit of acclaim, he would like to seize for himself, short of the world title.

The Ring is sympathetic toward Gleason, who for years had to campaign Valdes in the peanut circuit. Gleason and his man went on short rations and it looked as if Nino would have to say farewell to the ring, and go to driving a truck in Cuba.

However, Gleason bided his time. Time and Circumstance gave him belated breaks, and now he has a money maker.

What he hasn't got is the champion of the world, unofficial, or any other kind.

Gleason knows that boxing championships have to be won in the ring. He also knows that when Patterson stopped Moore, he became the accepted title holder. To come out with a squawk now is not good business, not good taste, and not founded on successful precedent.

The Ring Magazine feels that if Valdes were to fight Patterson, the Cuban's slowed down feet would handicap him severely against a fast mover and good boxer, and that Patterson would be a strong favorite. But The Ring Magazine is willing enough to see Valdes fight Patterson indoors, and soon as a prelude to a Patterson-Johansson scrap out of doors in June.

Valdes isn't choosey. He would fight Johansson. If the Swede is unwilling, Nino would go to England to further clarify things there. But at the moment, the Cuban appears to be too tough for heavyweights with any stake to risk getting what McMurtry got, and in one brief round, too.

And while on that subject, what has happened to Machen and Zora Folley?

Johansson's announced decision to force Patterson into meeting him presents quite a few difficulties. One of them has to do with the obdurate D'Amato. Forcing Cus to do something, even if it involves the welfare of boxing, for which he is a self appointed crusader, is like trying to change the weather.

Johansson has the undivided support of boxing experts and fans in Europe. The Ring Magazine's acclaim of Ingemar as the Fighter of the Year for 1958, as against Archie Moore's designation by the Boxing Writers' Association in New York, has mustered stronger support than ever for the Swede, and for this publication.

Johansson was to have appeared on the Ed Sullivan television programme on January 11, but the scheme somehow fell through. This is much to be regretted as Ingemar's showing on so big and popular a programme would have done much for the heavyweight situation in particular, and boxing in general.

The Valdes-Gleason talking caper has some familiar facets. Time was when retiring champions got the notion that they were the owners of their titles, and could present them to whomever they chose.

Jim Corbett once had this idea and declared the scarcely Olympian Peter Maher as his successor. This, of course, did not take. In any event, Jim came back and was knocked out by Bob Fitzsimmons.

Then, too, there was Jim Jeffries' gimmick when he retired in 1905. He put the championship up for competition between Jack Root and Marvin Hart.

Hart beat Root and later Tommy Burns beat Hart and announced himself the legal and official champion.

There are experts who recognize Burns as having been the champion. There are many others who rate him merely an

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A scene on wrestling night at New York's Madison Square Garden. Sellout houses like these have been the rule throughout 1958, and 1959 prospects appear equally bright. With few exceptions boxing has been outdrawing wrestling three to one.

THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT.

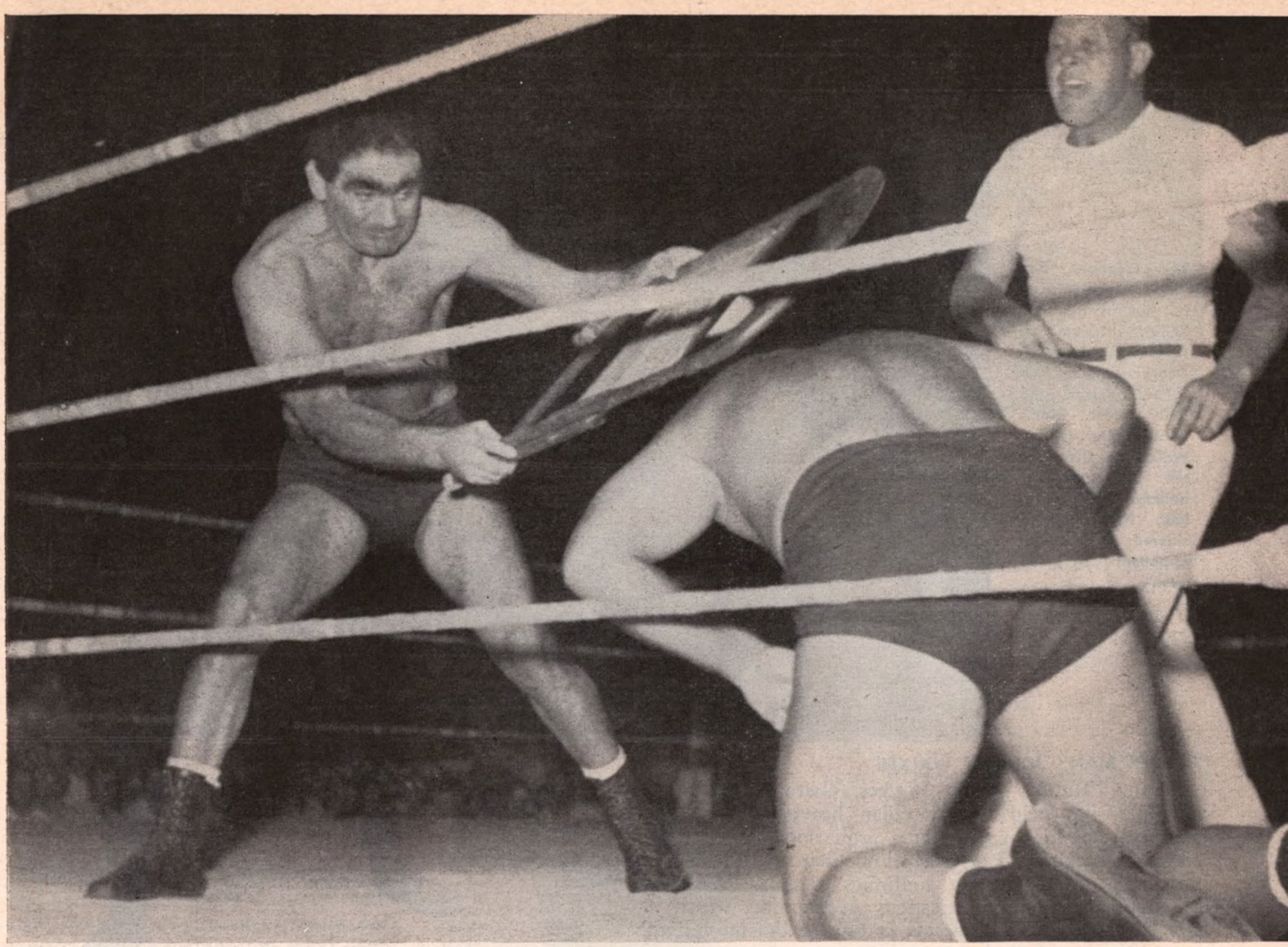
PETE MONTESI, ex fighter, ex vet, and one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. And an incurable optimist in so far as promoting boxing and wrestling goes up Danbury, Connecticut way, writes about his new wrestling shows . . . going great guns with top performers . . . congrats to you Pete!

Primo Carnera, ex heavyweight champ turned wrestler, now 52 years old, picked on a guy his own size the other eve in a Turin, Italy ring. Assen Ivanov a behemoth, who towers seven feet into the ozone was getting rough with do preem. Carnera slapped Assen's puss and before he could get really rough that worthy climbed out of the ring with the comment: "I'm a sportsman and I don't know how to react to brutality with brutality!" Oh this brutal wrestling sport!

Antonino Rocca, the bare footed wonder boy, home in Argentina where he spent some time with his wife and twelve year old daughter . . . he'll be back in U. S. any day.

Badman Fritz Von Goering is a convincing heavy . . . in San Jose, California Fritz was the Villain and Nature Boy Rogers, the hero, and both joined forces to chase the referee down the aisle. Suddenly from out of the crowd came a knife slashing fan. Groaner Clyde Steeves, pal of Goering stepped in to protect his buddy and received a slash in the arm for his trouble. Bedlam broke loose and the fans chased all the wrestlers right on to the street. Steeves continued to trot right on to the hospital. They are still looking for the chap with the knife.

News from the Mat: Killer Kowalski downed Pat O'Connor in two falls out of three. . . . Killer clinched the third fall with a knee drop. . . . Verne Gagne won over Mitsu Arakawa on a reversed decision at 22:15 of a one hour match. . . . Downed by the Japanese grappler with his stomach claw hold he lost the



Bull Curry gets the chair . . . slams Mad Man Martin with it and goes on to win the bout at Houston, Texas. The boys were only being playful. You should see them when they're serious. This pair can cause more havoc than a housewrecking crew.

match when he fouled out by rubbing salt in Verne's eyes.

Gerry and Eddie Graham tag team went to a draw with the team composed of Don Curtis and Mark Lewin at Hartford.

Here's an interesting quote from a man who should know. Ed "Strangler" Lewis, one of the best in his era, or any era, stated: "Dick Hutton is one of the greatest wrestlers of the last fifty years." Lewis is 69 years young.

FAN CLUB CORNER

This section is devoted to the people who love wrestling and give their all to help it along, namely; the fan clubs.

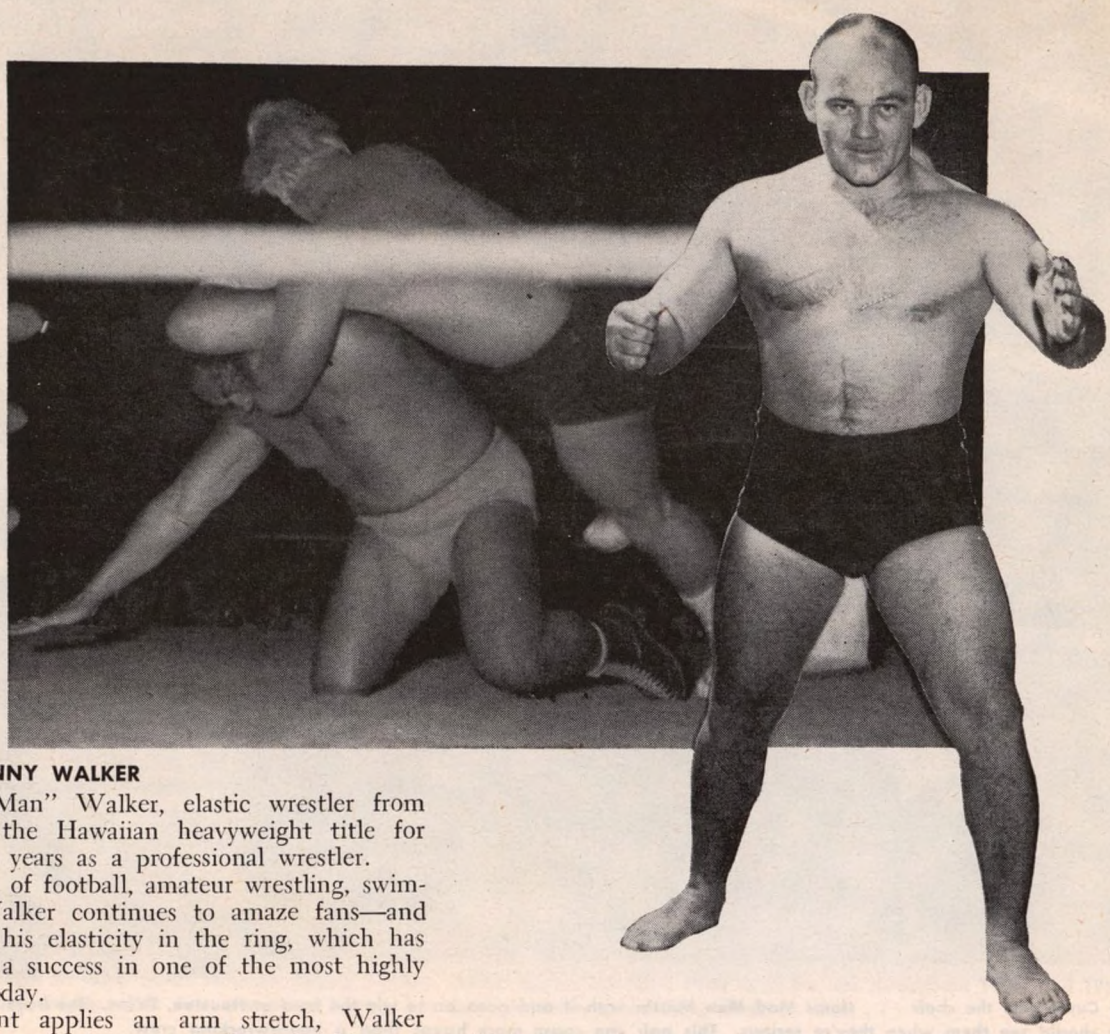
We are swamped by requests to list clubs and will comply as long as we have wrestling.

Milly Hypes writes that she now has a club for Peggy Allen, 827 Union Street, Salem, Virginia. Donald Sanchez, president of the Graham Brothers FC, can be contacted at 241 West 62nd Street, N.Y. 23, N.Y. A new Fan Club Emile Dupre is listed under prexie Janice Bielecki, 36 Noel St., South Hadley Falls, Mass.

Janet Story has been replaced as president of the Mark Tendler Fan Club and in her place Pamela Beers has taken over. She can be contacted at P.O. Box 132, Riverside, New Jersey. Louise Thoeny sends along word that she no longer has a club for Paul Baillargeon. Bob Leonard, president of the Dick Hutton Internation FC, 2930 Regina Ave., Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, is open to new members. James Williams, Jr., president of the Yukon Eric FC, asks that we again list his club as the first listing drew many new members. His address is: 57 Nason Parkway, Lackawanna 18, N.Y.

Another club that deserves a break is the Miller Brothers Fan Club, President Joan Stuff, 914 Belmont Ave., Mansfield, Ohio.

Ramona TeSelle, a pert red head standing five feet five with measurements: 36-24-36 . . . wow! She was born at North Branch, Minnesota and in a decade of wrestling has met the best in the field. (Photo by Bob Utter)



The Elephant Boy with George McKay on top at Papeete, Tahiti. It was a tough 'un with George winning via a half nelson and body press. Right: Rubber Man Johnny Walker, a five foot ten 222 pounder hailing from Honolulu, Hawaii, considered as a tough opponent by the best.

"RUBBER MAN" JOHNNY WALKER

Johnny "Rubber Man" Walker, elastic wrestler from Honolulu, has held the Hawaiian heavyweight title for three years of his six years as a professional wrestler.

With a background of football, amateur wrestling, swimming and diving, Walker continues to amaze fans—and his opponents—with his elasticity in the ring, which has helped to make him a success in one of the most highly competitive sports today.

When an opponent applies an arm stretch, Walker simply uses his extreme suppleness to walk under his own arm and right out of this hold which is to say the least unusually painful to the average man.

When caught with a head hold, Walker looks like he might have his head twisted off as his body juts out at an angle. However, he is able to ease out of this hold as he stretches his rubber neck.

On offense this Honolulu heavyweight is a specialist with the rolling jackknife.

SHORT STORY ON RAMONA TESELLE . . .

A couple of years ago Joe Louis defeated Ali Pasha in the main attraction at the baseball park at Richmond, Indiana. The semiwindup featured a girl tag match with a snappy little redhead by the name of Ramona Teselle teaming with Rose Roman against Carol Cook and Raymonde Rousselot. It was the redhead who stole the show with her rough-house tactics combined with some pretty clever wrestling.

Ramona was born in North Branch, Minnesota, 28 years ago. Standing five inches over the five foot mark and weighing a solid 138 pounds, this little gal has a figure that is eye-catching in any league. Her measurements read 36–24–36. Who said anything about Mansfield, Monroe or Novak?

Ramona was started in wrestling by Tony Stecker 10 years ago and since that time has worked in over 800 matches against the country's best. She has headlined cards against such stars as June Byers, Betsy Ross, Penny Banner, Raymonde Rousellot, Ada Ash and the late Elvira Snodgrass.

Claiming Chicago as her home, Miss Teselle patterns her style after Wild Bill Longson, Wild Red Berry and a guy by the name of Dangerous Danny McShane. She likes it rough in the ring. Her idea of fun is to crack an opponent in the jaw or to jab her fingers in her opponent's eyes. Her ambition is to become the roughest gal in the cauliflower fraternity.

Outside of the ring Ramona is soft spoken. She is a snappy dresser and could pass for a model.

Besides being a top flight grappler, Ramona is also the mother of a cute little 11 year old daughter by the name of Linda. Talking to Linda the evening of the Louis-Pasha show, she had nothing but praise for mom but said in a quiet tone voice, *"Mother sure gets rough."*

Ramona selects Kim Novak as her favorite actress and John Wayne as her choice "he-man" of the movies. Her hobbies are horseback riding and dancing. Chicken is her choice food.

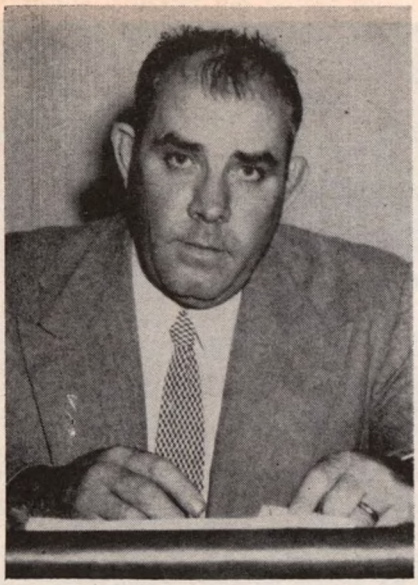
Ramona has no desire to wear the global belt. *"I just like to beat the so-called headliners. There is not a girl in wrestling that I cannot whip."*

SALVADOR "GORY" GUERRERO

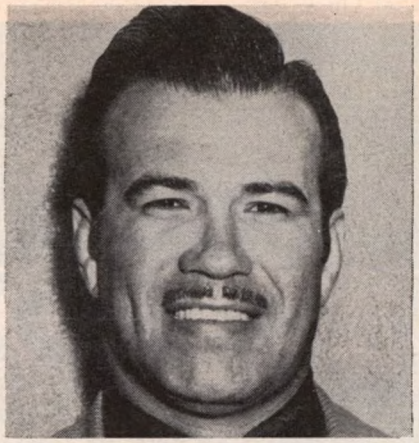
Salvador "Gory" Guerrero, native of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, is one of the best Latin grapplers to cross the Rio Grande in search of fame and riches on the mats of the United States. Soft spoken and with the air of a Spanish Grandee Guerrero is transferred into a slashing Pancho Villa character once the bell rings.

Gory is the best schooled of all Mexican matmen in scientific wrestling and confirms that fact by his thorough knowledge of the wrestling fundamentals and its history.

Having entered the United States as a professional wrestler in 1945, Guerrero has made a steady climb up the ladder of success. Just how rapid has been his rise in this country is evidenced by his ranking in the Heavyweight Division by both the National Wrestling Alliance and the



Pedro Martinez, Buffalo, N. Y., promoter, who has put that city back on the map as a big time wrestling center. (Photo by Earle F. Yetter)



Salvador "Gory" Guerrero, native of Guadalajara, Mexico who first invaded the U. S. back in 1945 and has since become one of Mexico's best grapplers.

Steve Stanlee, perennial favorite of wrestling fans, seen here with one of his youthful fans who cornered him for his autograph and a chat. The lad's name is Jimmy Flood of New York City.

National Wrestling Association.

Exceptionally fast moving and very aggressive, Guerrero has the rugged stamina which many of the Latins seem to lack. He is on top of his opponent from the opening bell.

Gory is a strict trainer and watches his diet carefully. Plenty of proteins and body building foods combined with rigid work outs in the gym round out Gory's daily schedule for good conditioning—the best weapon against one's toughest opponent.

EASTERN ACTION
By Earle F. Yetter

Promoter Pedro Martinez in Buffalo, N.Y. has certainly returned that city to big time wrestling status. He is one promoter who takes out his wallet and brings his clients the best attractions. The writer terms him, "The Barnum of Wrestling" and each succeeding week sees him come up with surprises in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium.

Ilio Di Paolo continues to be the big attraction in the Queen City of the Lakes. Di Paolo, who has two draw decisions with Champion Dick Hutton in Minneapolis and Hamilton, Canada, has moved into the front line of contenders for the World Heavyweight crown. Ilio is one of the few wrestlers who has engaged in a mixed match and proved that a good wrestler can defeat a boxer.

Di Paolo squared off with Amelio Aggramonte, a prominent boxer in Magliore Stadium in a mixed match in Haiti in 1953 and defeated Aggramonte in three bristling rounds, settling the heated controversy of that time. It is one of the few such bouts which have been held. In the third round Aggramonte left his corner convinced that he could defeat Di Paolo.

Shirley Strimple, 1956 winner of "Miss Wrestling" award. She stacks in at 36-24-34, a blonde with blue eyes . . . Height: 5 feet 5 and weight 135.

He threw a punch, missed and left himself open for a wristlock by Di Paolo. Ilio quickly switched to a chinlock and put all that he had into a roll over, pinning Aggramonte for a three second count.

Since returning to Buffalo, after a world tour Di Paolo has had nine consecutive victories. Two of those victories were against the Masked Marvel, who was forced to unmask and reveal himself as Jim (The Bull) Wright, a rough wily veteran with more than 2,000 bouts under his belt. It was the crowning achievement of Di Paolo's career on the mat when he defeated Wright.

Among other attractions which Buffalo fans have seen in the past year are Paul Bunyan, Gorgeous George, Happy Farmer Humphrey, the 650 pound behemoth, who falls on opponents and squashes them to the mat, Champion Dick Hutton, Whipper Billy Watson, Lou Thesz, Gene Kiniski, the Miller Brothers, Bill, Ed. and Dan who will be augmented soon with another brother Garry, the Kalmikoff Brothers, the Brunetti Brothers, the Fabulous Kangaroos, Al Costello and Roy Heffernan, Dick (The Bruiser) Afflis, Hans Schmidt, Verne Gagne, Wilbur Snyder, Antonino Rocca, Miquel Perez, Doc and Mike Gallagher.

In addition to the reigning stars of the mat firmament, Martinez continually brings new faces to his fans. Many of them will be the stars of tomorrow, as the veterans retire to more peaceful pursuits in life.

Steve (Mr. America) Stanlee, is an advocate of Abundavita pills, which when taken are a food supplement and give you strength for the rigors of professional wrestling. Verne Gagne also partakes of hi-protein pills which generate the necessary strength to help him in his almost nightly conquests on the mat.

Among the hardy perennials of the

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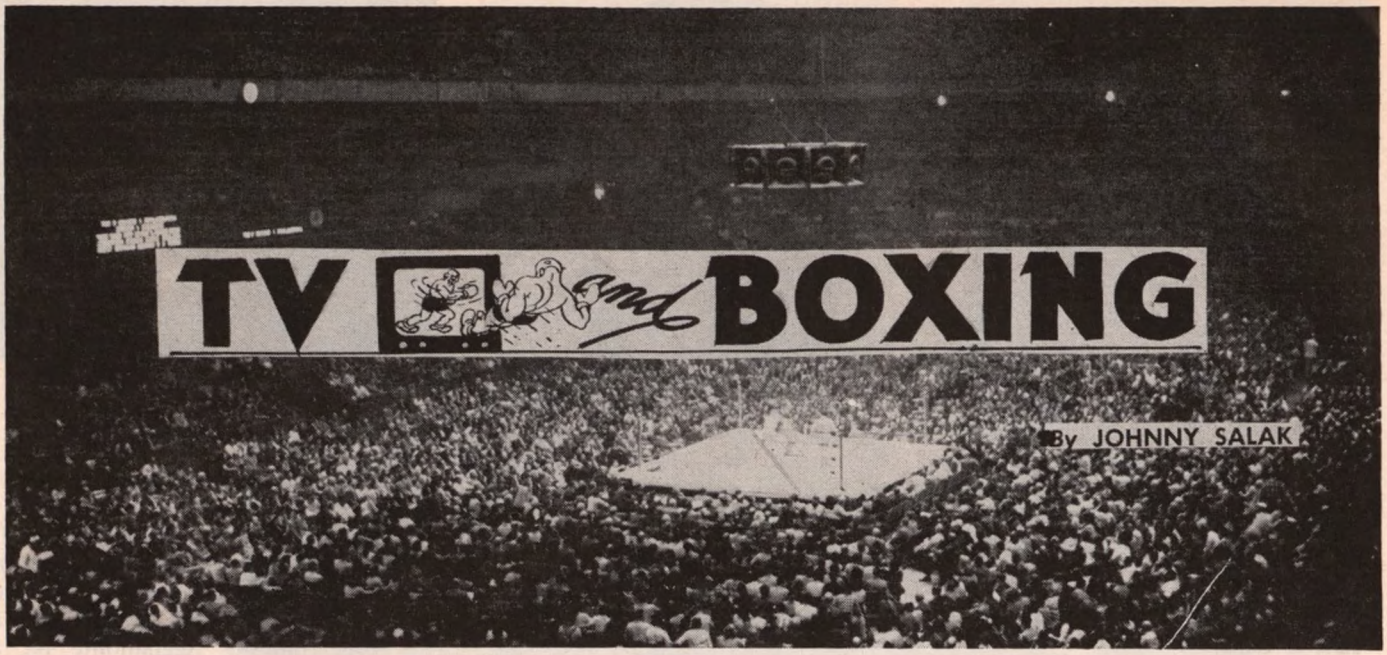

TV boxing could be the end of the professional sport in England.

This line was written by one of our British cousins recently and, in part, it seems to be an echo of what was once said in America. The tragedy of it is that there is such a ring of truth about the statement, and boxing in Britain has not learned the lessons which have proved so costly to the American sport.

True, some have grown fat and rich over the last decade of high-pressure, assembly-line televised boxing in the U. S., but they are for the most part a cliquish few while the small promoters have been driven out of the game, the small arenas have been razed and converted and the fighters and would-be fighters, unable to work, have drifted from the scene, assimilated, we hope, into other sports and professions.

It has left boxing in anything but a healthy state in America, but one from which it can make a comeback, especially since the anti-trust ruling against the I. B. C. and upholding of that decision by the Supreme Court.

But it has been a long fight, and a tough one for the game and the re-conversion that is coming will still see dark, costly days for the independent promoter who tries to make a go of it. But he can make a success of it. Big fights, of a sort, we have, the small fights in abundance disappeared quite a while back, and it will take time for the fan to be won back to the arena.

There is a definite pattern and we see the British sport, already suffering, in for the same tough road that developed for the American game. Unless, that is, the remaining promoters don't become enchanted with the idea that television is the answer-all to the problems of the sport.

Having had the benefit of viewing the American debacle, we are surprised that the British have taken the recent steps in televised boxing that they did.

The British Boxing Board of Control has a committee appointed to watch over TV boxing, which is under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexander Elliott. Until recently, we feel, they were doing a fine, progressive job, allowing once a month boxing, with only the small halls allowed to televise a main bout and a major show only televise a minor contest.

However, Associated Television Ltd., the commercial interests in British television, have long been anxious to increase the amount of pro boxing on their screens (Sound familiar?).

Eventually they succeeded. Working in close co-operation with the BBB of C, ATV has contracted for 13 Saturday night shows over a period of 26 weeks, the televised contests to be put on every two weeks.

At this time there is some resemblance of management, however, though it is problematical as to how successful it will work out. The British Board compiled a list of "small hall" promoters who have been losing money and each was offered a Saturday night date, for which the fee he is paid is said to insure a profit. In return, his main contest and one six round bout are to be televised. The minor contest must feature a local boxer, a concession to the drastic need to unearth much needed talent. The Board, incidentally, receives a separate fee. Until now they received 5% of the money which was shared by the promoter and the boxers.

From the amount paid by the television people, a proportion is to be set aside by the Board into a special fund, the license-holders (that is, members of the BBB of C) to rule on how they wish this money to be dispensed.

There is a rumble of discontent in certain quarters on this latest television move by the BBB of C for it was felt that if not the individual members having a voice in the making of the contract, at least the Area Councils (eight elected representatives of the license-holders) should have been consulted and asked for an opinion on the matter. The decision to deal solely with ATV has also come into consideration, for it is felt that perhaps a better monetary deal might have been made if the bidding had also been open to the British Broadcasting Company.

Be that as it may, certain questions are now being asked of and by British Boxing Board of Control license holders, as related in a December issue of the Weekly Sporting Review of London:

1. Do you feel that the televising of boxing matches by Associated Television Ltd., on Saturday nights, is a step which may prove harmful to Professional Boxing? This agreement gives ATV sole right to televise in the first 26 weeks of 1959 thirteen tournaments on Saturday nights in addition to the previously agreed number of televised mid-week tournaments.

2. Do you feel that before taking such a major step License Holders (of the BBB of C) should have been consulted either by way of a General Meeting, a Poll Vote or by discussion with Area Councils which are elected by License Holders?

3. Do you wish that a Special General Meeting should be called to arrive at a firm policy regarding the televising of Professional Boxing Tournaments which will have the backing of the License Holders?

While it would not be fair for us to concern ourselves with the internal affairs of a body such as the British Board, we cannot help sound another warning that unless a realistic, though forward, approach to the problems of boxing—and the problems of TV—in Britain is taken professional boxing, and most assuredly the amateur sport (so well rooted in Great Britain) must suffer badly. The fast buck is what almost killed boxing in the U. S. It can, unless curbed, have the same effect on boxing in Britain.

While it it true that for the present time television revenue will make up the deficit to promoters who are losing money (and even show them a profit!) that is a step away from chasing the fans completely out of the arenas and into their homes. The old adage cannot be refuted: Why pay for something you can get for free?

Once that thought is firmly fixed in the boxing fan's mind, it is but a stone's throw away from the driving of the promoter out of business, the closing down of the arena, the complete disappearance of the fighter and would-be fighter, an exact parallel to the situation which occurred in America, and one that probably would be even more drastic in the smaller, less populated confines of the British Isles.

We can only hope our British cousins do not make the same mistakes made by the American game. The situation, fortunately, is somewhat different, the BBB of C being made up of license holders (fighters, trainers, managers, promoters, etc.) and in the end it is their voice speaking out for and looking out for the best interests of all concerned in the sport.

This, unfortunately, was not the bargaining agent used in America, where the promoter alone agreed to contracts with the sponsor or network, and all other parties concerned were left on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

TV FIGHTS TO CONTINUE

The recent upholding by the Supreme Court of the anti-trust decision against the International Boxing Clubs (of Illinois and New York) does not for the time jeopardize the screening of the Wednesday and Friday night fights.

The Friday night show (NBC-TV) is set until June, while the Wednesday night show (ABC-TV) in the mad rush of every day events gained a contract extension of eighteen weeks over its yearly contract and is safe until September.

However, of more immediate importance in the over-all picture is the fact that contract signing time is soon coming up again and it would appear that, based on the ruling, the I. B. C. is not in a position to undertake such discussions with sponsors. Exactly where does that leave everyone? The I. B. C. dickering under a new name? An individual talking with the thought of assuring a sponsor 52 weeks of fights from the Chicago Chapter and 52 weeks of fights from the Madison Square Garden headquarters (and how can anyone promise that?) or a new promoter, or promoters, completely independent of any previous I. B. C. affiliations, assuring a sponsor that said fights can be produced? This is something that the I. B. C.'s high-priced battery of lawyers are mulling over at this moment.

That boxing had long ago taken a back seat to interests of merely "filling the bill" twice a week for TV is a fact known to all.

The Court ruling "for boxing" in the end will mean nothing if, under re-organizations and loopholes, two national network shows continue each week. There are better solutions than this and they can be worked out.

Jim Norris, in a frank statement to a Miami, Fla., newspaperman, summed it up neatly when he stated that what the I. B. C. had been selling to TV was "continuity." He didn't say they had been selling boxing, he didn't say they were peddling entertainment—but they were grinding out a commodity—good in its place—continuity.

Norris, commenting on the rulling which he feels will limit the size of promoting organizations so severely that they won't be able to guarantee regular fights, said:

"I can't put myself in the shoes of the TV people or the sponsor, but I don't see how any promoter can guarantee continuity.

"That's what we sold them—continuity," he continued. "We had two weekly TV fight programs for nine years. That's 104 fights a year. In nine years we never missed a night.

"We had substitutes on top of substitutes on top of substitutes but we never missed a night."

While that is a remarkably creditable record—for continuity—it was anything but the best thing for boxing, especially when all other features of the set-up are considered.

We always were under the impresssion that it was up to the fighters, handlers, managers, newspapermen, commissions and promoters to make a living out of the game, and help and protect it for its and their best interests.

But never have we heard of any television interests or sponsors who considered themselves part of the sport, and were willing to protect and nurture it.

To the TV moguls and sponsors, if it wasn't boxing, then some other "gimmick" would do. The quiz shows had their fling for a while, the panel shows ran their course, the inside interviews came and went, and at the last look at the screen the Western was, so to speak, in the saddle.

Boxing, too, had their high-rating period, and was milked for all it was worth. All we can say is that the game asked for it—and got it. If boxing is abolished, or promoters disappear or there are no more fighters, we don't believe that TV interests or sponsors would bat an eyelash, except to regret that a once good-thing was gone and, "now, what kind of a novelty can we get?" To them it doesn't matter.

But to the people in the sport it matters—or should matter. The Supreme Court ruling could be the best thing that ever happened to boxing, if responsible heads are willing to get together and work out a logical program, a sanity code, for the televising of some fights.

But if in the end we have the same set-up which now exists, under a different name, nothing will have been accomplished. And it won't matter. For there will be no boxing.

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Jersey Joe Walcott, former world heavyweight champion, flanked by Phil and Harold Johnson, father and son, appeared on the TV program "I've Got A Secret." The hidden truth on the show emceed by Garry Moore (left) was that Walcott had kayoed both Johnsons, fourteen years apart and both in the third round.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

THE Little Guy with the Big Punch has departed this restless world. George (K.O.) Chaney was 65 when he died recently in a Maryland hospital.

There have been fancier boxers, more durable sluggers and smarter strategists, but it is doubtful if the ring has ever produced a more exciting performer or a more emphatic puncher, inch for inch and pound for pound, than the Baltimore southpaw.

Chaney measured only an inch or two above five feet, but he was built for power. He began fighting as a bantamweight in 1910, ended as a lightweight in 1925, and when he finally hung up the mittens he boasted a total of 102 knockouts in 201 fights. He was the first headliner in ring history to reach the century mark in knockout victories.

(The record books list Chaney with 82 kayos in 179 bouts, but fighters' records weren't kept too meticulously in those days, and 22 bouts, 20 of them knockout wins, are missing from the Baltimorean's early years in the ring. In 1923 or thereabouts, this writer got together with Chaney in Baltimore and after extensive checking through scrapbooks and old newspaper files, we came up with the missing entries and sent them on to the late Tom Andrews, whose various activities in Milwaukee included the annual publication of what was then recognized as boxing's most authentic record book. For some reason or another, Andrews never did get around to inserting the additional entries in Chaney's record. Since our own copy of them long since vanished, and it isn't likely that anybody ever will go to the bother of trying to find them again, those 22 bouts will have to remain "missing" from Chaney's record.)

THE GUY COULD SOCK!

This commentator must have seen Chaney in at least thirty of his fights, and his explosive socking really was something to behold.

To cite one instance, there was the night in Philadelphia when George hooked up with Charley Metrie, a tough 'un out of Milwaukee.

Charley had rough going in the first round and stumbled uncertainly to his corner at the bell. He was so wobbly he refused to sit down during the minute's rest, fearing he'd have difficulty getting up for the second round. He stood in his corner, holding on to the ropes, exercising his arms and legs, and shaking his heard to clear away the befuddling fog.

When the next session started, Metrie, with visions of a sensational knockout victory, came roaring across the ring. He was met by a blasting left to the chin that lifted him off his feet and sent him flying through the ropes, skimming the heads of the working press and landing among the startled clients in the front ringside pews.

From the time he took off until he made his crash landing, Metrie must have flown at least a dozen feet through the air. It was the longest long-distance knockout we've ever seen.

Then there was another night when Chaney squared off with his erstwhile stablemate, Frankie Rice, in what was supposed to be a "grudge fight" in Baltimore. Actually, George bore no animosity toward Rice, and the "grudge" was all on Frankie's side. Rice felt that Manager Sam Harris was devoting too much time and attention to Chaney and not enough to him. He was jealous. Certain he could beat his more illustrious townsman, Frankie demanded the chance to prove it. He couldn't very well get that chance while Harris was handling both rivals, so Rice broke away from Sam, got himself another manager, and the match was arranged.

It didn't take Chaney long to convince Rice of the error of his ways. We don't recollect the exact time but it couldn't have been much more than a half-minute, if that long. Chaney ended matters with two punches, both lefts, the first to the body and the second to the jaw.

COULD GIVE BUT NOT TAKE.

Chaney's remarkable knockout total probably would have reached even higher than it did had George confined his clouting to his opponents' chins. He was a particularly vicious body puncher but not always too accurate with his busy fists. The result was a half-dozen defeats on disqualifications for hitting low.

Nature seems to have a tendency at times to keep things on a fairly balanced basis, and to offset Chaney's ability to deal out heavy punishment, she handicapped George with a not too rugged chin. The Baltimorean could "give" but he wasn't too well equipped to "take." During his exciting career, he was knocked out seven times.

Veteran New Yorkers recall one of those defeats. It was in Madison Square Garden early in 1925, in the opening round of the elimination tournament arranged to determine retired Benny Leonard's successor as world lightweight champion.

Although a fading veteran of 32, with fifteen years of busy campaigning and nearly 200 battles behind him, Chaney was still a dreaded foeman and several of the entries threatened to withdraw from the tourney if they were asked to face the dangerous Baltimorean.

The rangy, globe-trotting Tommy O'Brien drew the assignment but until ringtime nobody was sure Tommy would show up for the fight. He did, however, although it was obvious that he wasn't too enthused with the job. With advantages in youth, height and reach, O'Brien went on the defensive at the start, but it wasn't until midway in the second round that Chaney was able to get within firing range. He clipped O'Brien with a right hook to the jaw and Tommy sank to the canvas for a nine-count.

When he arose, O'Brien proceeded to accelerate the tempo of his retreat. His one purpose was to stay as far away as possible from Chaney, and he skittered and scampered around the ring like a scared jackrabbit. Round after round Chaney chased but couldn't catch him.

Then, in the sixth, George finally succeeded in cornering his rangy opponent. As the Baltimorean moved in menac-

ingly on him, O'Brien, out of sheer fright and desperation, threw his right. It caught the incoming Chaney flush on the chin. George collapsed. He managed to stagger up at nine but was in no condition to resume fighting. O'Brien dropped him again and that was the finish.

Whether he won or lost, Chaney was an exciting fighter to watch. A real Fighting Irishman, he could always be depended upon to pack action and thrills into his work.

George (K.O.) Chaney, Baltimore southpaw, who died recently, ended ring career with 102 knockout victories.

AN OLD-TIMER WRITES.

Jack Perry, durable Pittsburgh journeyman of the late 1910s and early '20s, writes from Los Angeles, where he and his wife are now living:

"Reading your comments on the passing of Mechanics Hall in Boston brought back a nostalgic tide of memories.

"Mechanics was a real beehive of boxing activity and much colorful history was written there.

"I fought often in Boston, with Mechanics as the main battle site. All four of my bouts with Eddie Shevlin were in the old building.

"I read The Ring regularly and get quite a bang out of stories of fighters who were active during my years in boxing. As you know, I was a protege of middleweight champion Frank Klaus. He introduced me to Jake Goldstein, who managed me during my formative years in boxing. Later, when I came out of the service after World War I, I went with Jimmy Conrad and he handled me from then on.

"As I look back to those busy times, I realize what a tremendous change has come into the boxing business. Television, of course, has killed off fight promotions in many of our once lively fight centers and ringsters don't have the chance to be as industrious as we were. Nowadays a main-bout fighter is considered a glutton for work if he has as many as ten bouts a year. Twenty to thirty were a normal year's output for us. We didn't have to train so much, either. We kept in condition by fighting often.

"During my career, as you know, I met most of the top welterweights and many of the leading middleweights, among them Jack Britton, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Johnny Griffiths, Harvey Thorpe, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Soldier Bartfield, Johnny Tillman, Frankie Schoell, Jimmy Slattery, Ray Pryel, Dave Shade, Bermondsey Billy Wells, Lou Bogash and Paul Doyle. Some of them I fought as often as three and four times. I was constantly on the move, and there were very few spots in the United States where I didn't appear at some time or another. It was a rugged grind, but an exciting one, and left me many interesting memories."

THESE AND THOSE

It was a pleasant surprise recently to have Freddie Lux, rugged McKeesport, Pa., lightweight and welterweight of the '20s, drop into the office to say hello. He was on a brief holiday jaunt to New York. It had been all of thirty years since we'd last seen him. Freddie has done all right for himself since quitting the ring. For a while he was a salesman for one of the nation's largest food distributors, then he became a member of the McKeesport police department, and in recent years has operated his own private detective agency.

When we enthuse about amazing Archie Moore, who at 42 by his own reckoning and 45 by his mother's, still is the best light-heavyweight in the world, let's give a thought to that marvel of yesteryear, Bob Fitzsimmons, who was 41 when he won the 175-pound title, 43 when he lost it, and didn't close out his fighting career until he was 52. And the opposition was considerably tougher in Fitz's era than it is today!

George Parnassus, who promoted two of the three world championship matches staged in Los Angeles in 1958, has an even more ambitious program in mind for this year. He hopes to sponsor four or five title affairs. He already has a featherweight setto lined up between Hogan (Kid) Bassey and Davey Moore, and expects to sign Alphonse Halimi for a defense of his bantam laurels against one of two Mexican challengers, Jose Lopez or Joe Becerra. Parnassus also is in the market for the third and rubber middleweight episode starring Ray Robinson and Carmen Basilio, and during the year he expects to come up with a challenger for Archie Moore in a light-heavyweight fracas. If Don Jordan retains the welterweight title in his return match with Virgil Akins in St. Louis, it's almost certain that Don will make another defense of his laurels in a Parnassus-promoted show in L. A. before the year ends.

THE month's results:

In its final show until after the Christmas-New Year's holidays, St. Nicholas Arena headlined two young Latin-Americans who had become popular attractions at the West 66th Street sluggery. At the end of a furious ten, spiced by frequent exciting exchanges, Benny Paret, 153½, Cuba, was a split decision winner over previously unbeaten Victor Salazar, 157½, Argentina. Salazar, rangy, aggressive slugger, had scored fifteen straight knockouts, the last two at the St. Nick, before Paret checked his streak. Handicapped in height and reach, the Cuban used speed and snappy combinations to offset Salazar's heavier punching. It was anybody's fight until the closing rounds when Salazar tired and Paret finished the stronger to edge out the decision. Despite the lusty punching, neither rival seemed in serious trouble at any time, but both boys suffered slight cuts over their left eyes, Paret in the second and Salazar in the eighth. The Argentino also was nicked on his right cheek in the fourth. The semi-final, scheduled for six, ended at 2:17 of the fifth with Emile Griffith, 146¾, Brooklyn, kayo winner over Larry Jones, 144½, Harlem. Al Pell, 119½, Harlem, outpointed Ramon Soto, 121, Puerto Rico, in another six, while a third six was abbreviated when Bartolo Soni, 176½, Dominican Republic, disposed of Ike Thomas, 188, Bronx, at 1:16 of the third. In fours, Don Fehan, 124, West Side, decisioned William Sanchez, 124, Puerto Rico, and William Viera, 133½, Puerto Rico, won from Tom Hussain, 138, Astoria. The attendance at the non-TV shows was 2,208 and the gross receipts $5,274.81.

▶ Any hopes Pat McMurtry, 188, Tacoma, may have entertained of establishing himself as a challenger for the world heavyweight title were violently exploded in less than one round by Nino Valdes, 213, Cuba, in Madison Square Garden. In the brief space of 2:39, McMurtry was down twice and raped across the middle rope, at which point Referee Harry Kessler decided enough was sufficient. It was obvious almost from the moment the fight began that McMurtry wouldn't be around long. The best way to combat Valdes in to crowd him, keep him moving back and give him as little punching room as possible. McMurtry made the mistake of trying to box Nino at long range, and that's what the Cuban wanted. The affair had gone about a minute when one of Valdes' ponderous left swings clipped McMurtry on the chin. As Pat's legs quivered, Valdes followed with a right, then another left, and McMurtry collapsed to the canvas. Groggly he stumbled up at two but took the mandatory eight-count. Valdes tore in, blasting away with both hands. Down went McMurtry again, this time against the ropes. Clutching the middle strand for support, Pat struggled to his feet as the timekeeper tolled nine. He tried to clinch but Valdes brushed him off and slugged away with both fists. McMurtry floundered into the ropes and almost toppled through them. He was in bad shape and the referee intervened. In sixes, Joe Lissy, 156, Bronx, won an unpopular decision over Otto Smith, 156, Westfield, N. J.; Julio Romero, 143, Brooklyn, outpointed Wes Lowry, 147, Allentown, Pa.; Andre Tessier, 159½, Springfield, Mass., stopped Doug Jones, 165, Harlem, on a gashed eyebrow at 1:43 of the third, and Johnny Jenkins, 177¾, Harlem, won from Lou Jones, 194, Rockford, Ill. Tom McNeeley, 193, Boston, outpunched Bob Halpern, 182, Bronx, in four.

▶ The 1959 boxing year in Madison Square Garden opened amid strange developments. Appearing in New York and on national TV for the first time, Denny Moyer, 148¼, a promising but still amateurish 19-year-old from Portland, Ore., was awarded a split decision over Caspar Ortega, 145¾, Mexico.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

THE FIRST SHOW OF 1959 AT HOLLYWOOD LEGION Stadium saw Neal Rivers, former state middleweight champ, score a sharp upset win over Willie Vaughn, another former state middleweight champ. Rivers, 162; Vaughn, 160. Rivers was 2-1 underdog going in.

The verdict was unanimous: Referee George Latka and Judge Tommy Hart saw it eye-to-eye, 96-92; Judge Russ Bradford had it much closer, 95-94.

What cinched the fight for Rivers was a 7th round knockdown, when a left hook, followed by a right cross, sent Vaughn to the canvas for a five count.

It was a good brawl all the way, and could well result in a rematch.

The semi-final was scheduled for six, but Ray Walker, 137½, must have had a date, for he flattened Ray Castro, 137, in Round 1. The fours: Chuck Whitaker, 133, TKO (3) over Al Tovar, 130½; Eddie Pace, 139, KO (3) over Andy Martinez, 140½, and Willie Bell, 165, dec. Willie Barnes, 169.

▶ The Olympic Auditorium announced a big increase in gross gate receipts for 1958. Boxing grossed $741,806, third highest in Olympic history, and an increase of $259,897 over 1957.

Wrestling, also, showed an impressive gain. Gross for 1958 was $132,951, an increase of $43,923 over 1957.

Taxes paid: Federal, $75,215; State, $55,000. Boxers and Wrestlers Fund, $8,747.

Big increase in boxing was due to the two outdoor shows at Wrigley Field, staged by the Olympic: Carmen Basilio vs Art Aragon, $236,521; and Hogan (Kid) Bassey vs Pajarito Moreno, $215,048.

▶ When the gate receipts at the San Diego Coliseum hit a gross of $7,397—brother, you can be sure that there was a real attraction on tap. There was, indeed.

Home-town pride, Charlie Powell, 210, whacked out a one-sided victory over Charlie Norkus, 197½, Port Washington, N. Y., winning nine of the ten rounds. Kind-hearted scribes at the ringside called Round 1 a draw; after that, it was Powell all the way.

In Round 10, Powell really cut loose, flailing Norkus with lefts and rights until the Easterner was helpless—in fact, the referee gave him a mandatory eight-count, though Norkus refused to go down.

Had the San Diego athletic ace started his attack earlier, he would have won by a knockout.

That, allegedly, was his aim, for he yearned to reverse a kayo defeat at the hands of this same Charlie Norkus four years ago, in San Francisco, a fight that was nationally televised.

However, this was Powell's fifth straight triumph on his current comeback and the big fellow is in line for something bigger and better if he maintains that pace.

In the supporting ten-rounder: well, it didn't go ten. Monroe Ratliff, 181½, knocked out Tommy Harrison, 182, in the 4th. (Incidentally, Ratliff was Roy (Cut 'n Shoot) Harris' chief sparmate when he trained for Floyd Patterson, and Harrison fulfilled the same role for Pete Rademacher—remember him?—when that gent trained for Zora Folley.

Abe Haynes, 138, dec. Dick Kirby, 136½, in a six-rounder; Lloyd Wilson, 136, dec. Roy Castro, 137½, in 4; and Mel Ratkovich, 194, dec. Kenny Hayden, 187, in 4.

▶ Final boxing show of 1958 at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., was billed as an "all-star talent card".

With (or without) the permission of John Hall, of the Mirror-News, one of the best boxing scribes in the land, here are some quotes from his coverage of that event:

"There were no stars in the sky or in the arena", wrote Mr. Hall. "Ugh, what a night! Only a handful of the faithful (about 300), was on hand."

The program was composed of three sixes and three fours.

In the top six, Billy Thomas, San Francisco, 130, remained undefeated as a pro by scoring a one-round kayo over Jesse Morales, 131. Other sixes: Cal Houston, 162½, dec. Orlando Di Pietro, 163½; and Ernie Bell, 166, duked Oreece Tatum, 161½.

The fours: Ted Bonzali, 158½, KO (3) over Bob Mathews, 167; Ray Walk, 137½, KO (2) over Joey Armstrong, 137½, and Boston Jones, 147, decisioned Andy Martinez, 141½.

▶ At Hollywood Legion Stadium, Dwight Hawkins, 121, battered Pimi Barajas, 120, Tijuana, from pillar to post and scored a 7th round TKO. This Hawkins boy will soon be among the "top ten" in the 118-pound class, or I miss my guess. Improving steadily.

The semi was scheduled for six, but Kid Rayo, 150, scored a clean kayo in Round 4 over Baby Ike, 151½.

The fours: Artie Fox, 160, dec. Bobby Lee Anderson, 160½; Robert Walker, 139, dec. Al Garibay, 140; and Johnny Wallace, 145½, dec. Floyd Mayfield, 146½.

▶ Also at Hollywood Legion Stadium, in a twin-ten bill that rang down the curtain in 1958: Tiger Al Williams, 155, scored an 8th round TKO over Tombstone Smith, 151½, and Wayne Cooke, 126, scored a 6th round kayo over Kildo Martinez, Mexico, 122. About 2700 on hand.

The fours: Chuck Whitaker, 134½, KO (1) over Mike Brunell, 135, and Rafael Gutierrez, 141½, dec. Johnny Rabon, 141.

▶ World featherweight champ Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria, 126½, won the 10-round decision over Ernesto Parra, 129, Mexico City, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. But he suffered a loss in prestige, for the only knockdown on the fight was scored by lightly-held Parra.

And when I say "lightly-held", I'm not spoofing, for the odds ran as high as 10-1 and 12-1, in favor of Bassey, at the ringside.

Parra is a stablemate of Pajarito Moreno, who a couple of days earlier had been ignominiously erased in Round one by Davey Moore. Parra had been knocked out five or six times, wasn't much of a puncher, and was considered just a breeze for the chunky champ.

Instead, he proved a tornado.

Bassey got off in front, boxing smoothly and scoring effectively with left hooks to the body. In the 5th round, however, Parra electrified the fans by nailing the champion with a hard right to the chin. Pandemonium reigned. The partisan crowd rent the air with its roar of approval.

From then on, Parra waged an aggressive fight, and managed to survive the desperate efforts of the champion to stow him away. He was in trouble a few times, but managed to weather the storm and resume toe-to-toe warfare.

The decision, rightfully, went to Bassey. But the cheers of the crowd were reserved for Parra, the lamb who became a lion.

A crowd of about 4,000 paid $10,148 to see the doin's.

Referee Jimmy Wilson scored it 98-89; Judge Joey Olmos, 98-93, and Judge John Thomas, 98-91—all for Bassey, of course.

Jimmy Hayes, 136½, dec. Jimmy Feaster, 139, in the six-round semi. The fours: Leo King, 160, drew with Teddy Benzell, 158; Noel Brown, 118½, drew with Paul Ramos, 116½; and Enoch Mapp, 136, dec. Eddie Pace, 140.

▶ It was nice to read that A.P. story in local papers about the awards made by the Boxing Writers' Association of New York to a couple of youngsters: Archie Moore, who is 42, going on 49, and spry Sammy Taub, who admits to 72.

Old-timers will remember that Taub started his newspaper career as amanuensis for the great Bat Masterson, then sports editor of the Morning Telegraph. Masterson would dictate a story bristling with cusswords. It was Sam's job to translate same into refined, chaste and aesthetic English. He seen his duty and he done it noble.

As for Archie, the rumor persists that he was a sparring partner for John L. Sullivan. That is not true. It was Jem Figg.

▶ If there were any doubts whatever about Davey Moore's right to meet Hogan (Kid) Bassey for the world featherweight title, they were completely dispelled at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A.

Moore, known as the Springfield Rifle (since he hails from Springfield, Ohio), 128, triggered a one-round knockout over Pajarito Moreno, Mexico City, 127. The time: 2:58. The punch: a left hook.

On a mathematical basis, that makes Moore just three times as good as Bassey, inasmuch as Moreno went into the third round with Hogan the Kid in their title fight last April.

This was Moore's sixth straight local victory.

Possibly Moore was inspired by the performance of his elderly namesake, Archie, who a few days earlier had knocked out Yvon Durelle in the most sensational scrap of 1958—possibly in a decade.

On hand was a near-capacity crowd estimated at 9,000, and the gross was announced as $52,796. Top price was $15. For Moore, it was the quickest kayo of his career, perhaps the most important.

This was the third time Moreno had been flattened in a local ring, but look at the gates he drew!—$86,000 with Jose Luis Cotero; $215,000 with Hogan (Kid) Bassey, and now $52,000 with Davey Moore. These were the three fights in which Pajarito was stopped.

In the six-round semi, Phil Ortiz, 116½, won a split verdict over Pico Campo, 119. The fours: Rogelio Ybarra, 123, dec. Jesse Leija, 123; Caesar Sanchez, 123, dec. Ward Yee, 122.

There was a six-rounder following the main event: in this one, Manny Gallardo, 128, dec. Collier Cox, 127.

▶ Bantams are again hitting the limelight locally, what with Boots Monroe, state 118-pound champ and Dwight Hawkins in the picture. Monroe is a stablemate of welterweight champ Don Jordan.

▶ That gifted, widely syndicated columnist, Red Smith, never a booster for California sports, authored a piece in December wherein he stated, quote:

"In recent months, California fans have been fed one turkey after another—Patterson-Rademacher, Machen-Folley, Rademacher-Folley, Patterson-Harris".

Ah, yes: the Patterson-Rademacher fight was held in Seattle, California, in August, 1957. (What? Seattle is in Washington? Well, don't tell me: tell Mr. Smith.)

The others WERE California fights. Machen-Folley up in San Francisco; at that time they were ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in heavyweight ratings. I readily agree it was a lousy scrap, but I have seen others on TV, emanating from Chicago and Eastern cities, which were every bit as lousy. As for Patterson-Harris, I don't consider that one a turkey—(possibly because I handled publicity therefor.) But it went into the 12th round, and the cash customers didn't complain. Red came in on a press pass.

▶ A couple of Ohio kids got into a wrangle about the relative merits of great light-heavyweights: Suey Welch, transplanted from Akron, and your humble servant, once a Clevelander. However, we've both been Californians for nearly 30 years.

Suey told Sid Ziff, sports ed. of the Mirror-News, that he considered Gus Lesnevich deserving of higher ranking than Archie Moore. In rebuttal, which Mr. Ziff duly published, I pointed out that Gus had been knocked out twice in California: once by Freddy Steele in L. A., again by Young Corbett III in San Francisco. And that Gus had been whipped twice by Billy Conn, once by Freddy Mills, once by Joe Maxim, all in light-heavy title fights, world or N. B. A.

Moore, on the other hand, has NEVER lost to a light-heavy since he acquired the title more than six years ago by whipping Joe Maxim. He defended his 175-pound crown seven times: Maxim, twice; Bobo Olson, Yolande Pompey, Harold Johnson, Tony Anthony and Yvon Durelle. He knocked out five of these challengers, decision Maxim twice.

▶ Interviewed by a lady sports-scribe (Jeane Hoffman of the L. A. Times) on his last visit to Los Angeles, Truman Gibson, the I. B. C. prexy, delivered himself of a few statements which merit rebuttal.

Said Truman: "We can't run the risk of having an outdoor fight here—(Ed. Note: Los Angeles) and having it rained out."

Yet the Los Angeles Dodgers played 77 home games in this city last year, and were not rained out in any one.

"Look at your Bassey-Moreno fight last April" Truman continued; it poured rain until two hours before the bout."

True, Trueman. A very unseasonable rain. But what you neglected to add: that fight, despite inclement weather, grossed $215,048—the second-largest gate in the history of the featherweight division. Largest was the $262,000 gate drawn by Sandy Saddler and

Willie Pep at Yankee Stadium in 1950, under perfect weather conditions. Or as perfect as you can expect in New York, in September.

During 1958, here are some Los Angeles fight gates:

Carmen Basilio-Art Aragon: $236,000.

Floyd Patterson-Roy Harris: $234,000.

Hogan Bassey-Pajarito Moreno: $215,000.

These were all outdoor fights. Indoors, Davey Moore vs Pajarito Moreno grossed $52,438. Zora Folley vs Pete Rademacher (who he?) $34,000.

And in 1957, remember that Alphonse Halimi-Raton Macias, for the world bantamweight title (in the month of November; outdoor) grossed $209,000. That was more than TWICE AS MUCH as any other bantam title fight in the U. S. A.

▶ It is my contention that Los Angeles is ready for a million-dollar gate if we get the right attraction: for instance, Floyd Patterson vs Ingemar Johansson. The Swede's one-round kayo over Eddie Machen qualifies him as a box-office magnet. (Remember, Machen whipped Nino Valdes twice, one by knockout!)

Patterson has had five fights in California, won all five by knockout.

Jerry Mulleny, my assistant in gathering California news, sends in the following from San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Fresno, San Jose and Stockton.

▶ The biggest turnout of Fresno fans in recent years booed quite loudly at the end of the fight. Not for either participant, but on account of the unsatisfactory ending. Big audience magnet was Bobo Olson, who was awarded a TKO over Tommy Villa in the fifth round of a scheduled ten at Fresno Memorial Auditorium. Olson, of San Francisco, weighed 175; Villa, of San Jose, 172.

In the fifth, Villa dropped to the canvas, claiming he was hit low. Referee Reno allowed Villa five minutes rest. When Villa refused to continue after the rest, Reno awarded the technical knockout victory to Olson. It was then that the capacity crowd (3,000 plus standees) let out a long and vociferous complaint.

In the dressing room, Villa was examined by athletic commission doctor G. K. Nider, who said he could find no sign of swelling or any damage.

Olson, former middleweight champion, is in the midst of a comeback campaign. Villa, aged 23, was engaging in his twenty-third fight.

Olson had swarmed all over Villa in the early rounds, dropping him for an eight count in the fourth. Villa raised a welt over Olson's right eye in the fifth, just before the bristling Olson attack which resulted in the alleged foul.

The turnout for Promoter Duke Garabedian's show was reported to be an indoor boxing record for Fresno. The gross was $9,071, paid by 3187 spectators.

In a six-rounder, Milt Jones, 152, S. F., drew with Bob Gayton, 145, Oakland.

The fours: Wayne Thornton, 159, dec. Floyd Mayfield, 154; Louis Uribe, 147, outpointed Tommy Norego, 149; Faatagi Palega, 146, dec. Al Azevedo, 149.

▶ Grounded for many months during a series of tests for a reportedly serious kidney ailment, Joey Lopes backed his own repeated assertions that he was O.K. by winning a decision over formidable Jimmy Moser. They fought ten blood-spattered rounds in Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium.

Moser, who before the bout was not widely known to Sacramento fandom, is a long time favorite among Southern California audiences. Dead game, good boxer and forceful hitter, Jimmy has beaten many good men, including knockouts over Jose Luis Cotero and Tommy Bain. California abounds in capable 126 pounders, and Moser holds the rating of state featherweight champion.

Lope's left eyebrow was split in the fourth. In the same round Joey opened a deep cut over Moser's left eyebrow. The corner patching-up jobs stemmed the flow from these wounds for a while, but they were constantly being opened by flying fists.

Lopes, pride of Sacramento, weighed 133. Moser, of Los Angeles, scaled the same.

The long Lopes layoff, plus the fans lack of acquaintance with explosive Moser, kept the gate to a modest gross of $3,144.

Preliminaries: Joe Sullivan, 182, KO'd Dave Ford, 215, in 2; George Page, 133, dec. Al Medrano, 133, in 6; Teddy Martin, 172, outpointed Joe Neal, 165, in 6.

The program was presented by the Larry Duccini Boxing Club, with Johnny Sylvester as matchmaker.

▶ Two recent fast action California fights featured nimble veteran Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland and fast-punching Paul Armstead of Los Angeles. Armstead won the first battle in Hollywood by a close margin. In the return bout, in Oakland, Gonsalves pranced away with the victory.

Carl (Bobo) Olsen, former world middleweight champion, was awarded a TKO over Tommy Villa in a bout which produced an unsatisfactory ending before the biggest turnout of Fresno fans in recent years. In the fifth round, Villa dropped to the canvas, claiming he had been fouled. After a five minute rest he refused to continue and the bout was awarded to Olson.

Those who saw both bouts were amused by the "home town" decision cry which went up after each verdict. Neutral observers, seeing both fighters for the first time, said that both verdicts looked O.K. Armstead had won the first fight by a fast finish, and by keeping clear of eyebrow cuts despite a target area of scar tissue. In the second bout Gonsalves seemed to be the master in most of the key exchanges.

Johnny added to his score by opening a cut over Armstead's eye in the seventh. In the eighth Johnny started the claret flowing over Paulie's right eye. And this time it was Gonsalves who made the fast finish, taking the ninth and tenth.

Point score for Gonsalves was: Referee Vern Bybee, 97-95; Judge Eddie James, 98-95; Johnny Lotsey, 98-95. Press concensus for Johnny was 98-94. They fought at the Oakland Civic Auditorium. Promoter: Jimmy Dundee; matchmaker, Don Chargin. Gross receipts were $3,856. Weights: Gonsalves, 139; Armstead, 134.

Prelim results: Cleo Frazier, 160, dec. Mutt Goodwin, 158, in 6; Steve Mendoza, 154, outpointed Dave Morena, 158, in 6; Ed Hickman 153, dec. Al Moore, 142, in 4.

▶ San Jose's Civic Auditorium presented an international fistic aspect when Baby Brown, 122, of Manila, scored a decision over Kildo Martinez, 120, of Mexicali, Mexico. The number of blows landed in the speedy ten rounder seemed to be about the same for both participants. But Brown's superior punching power buckled Martinez' knees in the fourth, fifth and ninth, the decisive hits being forceful rights to the jaw.

Referee Vern Bybee scored it 97-95 for Brown. Closeness of the fast-action engagement was evidenced by the chorus of disagreement from the crowd at the decision.

The program was promoted by Bill Young. There were two six-rounders featured by heavy clouting. Steve Mendoza, 150, outpointed Schoolboy Brown, 152. Both are San Jose local favorites.

Frank McCoy, 177, San Francisco, decisioned Joe Sullivan, 185, S. F.

▶ At stake in Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium ring was a coveted regional prize, the heavyweight championship of California. Contending was Young Jack Johnson, with an impressive record, including a knockout over Zora Folley. Facing him was up-and-coming Ruben Vargas, best of the big men with a Latin-American cognomen. Methodical Vargas won the state title with a TKO after nine rounds, Johnson having suffered a long cut next to his right eye.

Vargas, from San Francisco, scaled 190½; Johnson, Los Angeles, weighed 218. Referee was Johnny Reno.

Vargas concentrated on the veteran's body in the early rounds, then successfully switched to the head. Though landing frequently, Vargas was not having an easy time. Johnson hit Ruben often, both with solid single shots and rattling combinations. But Vargas took all of these, and came back with renewed vigor.

Vargas was presented with a championship belt donated by Promoter Harry Fine, whose program had a gross of $3,500 and a net of $3,005.

Prelim results: Bob Gayton, 151, dec. Kid Francis, 155 in 4; Gene Brasher, 163, TKO'd Eddie Fields, 153, in 2; George Page, 132, outpointed Al Carroll, 132, in 4; Billy Brown, 147, stopped Ken Willis, 152 in 3.

▶ Teddy "Red Top" Davis, former featherweight title contender, had been having his troubles with young California boxers since taking up residence in the Golden State. After a series of decision losses in spirited battles, Davis finally made his experience pay off when he outpointed Kid Javellana in ten rounds. The battle was in the Civic Auditorium ring in Stockton. Each man weighed 140.

Javellana, welterweight champ of the Philippines, landed heavily on Davis' head and body, but not often enough to match the steady tattoo of the veteran's fists. Davis, using a weaving style, would take a couple of heavy ones in order to get in a rain of punches on Javellana. Then he would glide away before the Keed could follow up yith any heavy damage.

Most of the audience were Javellana adherents, who disagreed loudly when Referee Pete Morelli scored it 97-94 for Davis.

Gross gate for promoter Willie Hunefeld's promotion was $1,739, with about 1100 attending.

Joe Brewer, 164, Fresno, outboxed Cleo Frazier, 163, Stockton, in a six rounder. In another six, Dave Moreno, 158, Stockton, drew with Milt Jones, 152, Sacramento.

Joe Atchan, 169, KO'd Perry Hicks, 164, in 4.

▶ Bobby Scanlon, who was knocked out by Paolo Rosi after winning 32 straight, frightened some of his practical-minded supporters by immediately asking for a return match with the Italian blaster. Bobby did not achieve complete success in his second match, but he went the 10 round distance with Rosi—the Italian winning a split decision at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

Scanlon, who was knocked out in three rounds in the earlier bout when he elected to slug with Rosi, was determined to make the second encounter a boxing match. But despite Bobby's speed and cleverness, Rosi had him in trouble a number of times. Quite often Scanlon had to hang on. Result: for the first time. Scanlon's vociferous San Francisco audience booed their favorite.

Referee Jack Downey scored it 97-94 for Rosi; Judge Matt Zidich had the Italian ahead 97-95. Judge Eddie James voted for Scanlon, 98-95.

Weights: Rosi, 134½; Scanlon, 135. The program was promoted by the San Francisco Boxing Club (Abe Acquistapace and Jim Pusateri, promoters; Benny Ford, matchmaker). Gross receipts were $17,970, with a 4,000 plus attendance.

Bobby Sanders, 144, S. F., won a 5 round TKO over Al Barrazza, 142, Phoenix. Ernie Gipson, 159, S. F., outpointed Joe Neal, 157, of Stockton, in six.

Joe Sullivan, 180, KO'd Leon Hatcher, 195, in 1; Billy Thomas, 126, dec. Willie Woods, 124, in 4.

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HARLEM TOMMY MURPHY

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group of boxers who accompanied me to various hospitals to entertain the wounded. We showed fight pictures, had open discussions and gave the servicemen an opportunity to see in the flesh some of the greats of the roped square.

On one trip to the Rehabilitation Hospital for the Air Force in Pawling, New York, Murphy, Dan Morgan and I put on a show. Asked how he got into the boxing game, Murphy related a story that became legend. How he walked eight miles from his home to the New Polo A.C., to become a professional pugilist.

PITIFULLY LOW PURSES IN SOME OF HIS FIGHTS

Some of the purses Tommy said he received for fights which if staged to-day would have enabled him to carry off $5000 or more for each were fantastic. For his bout with Frank Lenny whom he stopped in the second round, he received $200. For his six rounder with Frankie Neil who a few months before had lost the world bantam crown, he got $600. For a six rounder with Terry McGovern's brother Hughey, he got $800. The vicious encounter with Rudy Unholz, the Boer, netted him $1,200.

Besides being a crowd pleaser, Tommy was a young man of education whose hobby was collecting art. He was very fond of paintings. He was a frequent visitor to the Art galleries, marines and landscapes struck his fancy. Murphy had an excellent collection before he went broke.

On several occasions the late Mrs. Gus Ruhlin, wife of the old time heavyweight, accompanied me to hospitals where Murphy was confined. We eased the hardship of these unfortunates with gifts—sometimes clothes, and most often cigarettes and sweets. We wondered why it became necessary for such fistic greats to spend their last years in such an environment.

A forthnight before Mrs. Ruhlin died she visited Murphy to find out if there was anything he needed. He told her that he didn't need anything. I received the following note from her:

"Tommy Murphy asked me to tell you that there is a family plot in which a daughter is buried and that his parents were also buried there fifty years ago. He can't remember the name but begged me to ask you to locate it.

"I had a nice chat with him and was amazed at his understanding of things. I offered him the carton of cigarettes you sent and he told me to tell you that he never smoked or drank. I left the cigarettes with one of the nurses. Everyone seems to like him. He informed me that his ex-wife has married, and that his daughter, Mrs. George J. Lent, has seen to his needs. She and her husband take good care of him.

"When I left Murphy, I went down the aisle to visit another patient and from there I watched Tommy sitting quietly and eyeing the visitors chatting with other patients. They must have felt sorry for Tommy because I saw one elderly woman walk over to him and hand him a chocolate bar and then she came back with some coffee and cake. He was most dignified and from what I learned, he is popular in the ward.

"I forgot to tell you also that he says he can't remember what happened to the four houses he owned.

"Nat, I see renowned old fighters like Murphy, McFadden and Haley, in State institutions and that brings a feeling of anguish. Why cannot something be done by our State to set up a home for these men."

This is the first of a series of three stories covering the colorful career of Harlem Tommy Murphy.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Bill Colbert

DEL FLANAGAN, ST. PAUL, 149, WON A TEN ROUND DECISION OVER Al Andrews of Superior in a main event at Bismarck, N. D. Flanagan hopes to get a shot at Jordan's welter title.

Lee Ballard, 160, koe'd Joe Siminek, 160, in the second round. Don Quinn, St. Paul, 200, knocked out Bob Burger, 205, in the second round. Jerry Flanagan, Del's younger brother, won a four round lightweight decision over Joey Hoeffer Wahpeton, N. D., 135, Hoffer is a former golden glove champ.

▶ Del Flanagan's new manager, Bud Henning, and trainer Gene Connolly, are lining up a lot of work for Del. A match between Flanagan and Ortega is in the making for St. Paul Winter Carnival program.

▶ Terry Lewis, Minneapolis heavyweight, scored an eight round T.K.O. over Tony Emanuel in Seattle. He is handled by Tommy O'Loughlin, former manager of Elmer Ray and Everett Rightmire.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

THE YEAR 1959 PROMISES TO RESTORE PRO BOXING TO better standing in Buffalo. Only one pro show was staged here during 1958 because of a paucity of qualified fighters. Now, a number of newcomers are ready to accept matches and two promoters are in the field. Pedro Martinez, who has staged many fine wrestling cards in Memorial Auditorium in the past, now promises to run a boxing show about once a month and Junior Singer, son of the late promoter, Jack Singer, has leased St. John Kanty Hall off East Broadway for weekly shows, to develop new talent. Singer can be reached at 338 Washington Street where he runs the city's biggest gymnasium. Promoter Martinez can be addressed at 300 Main Street.

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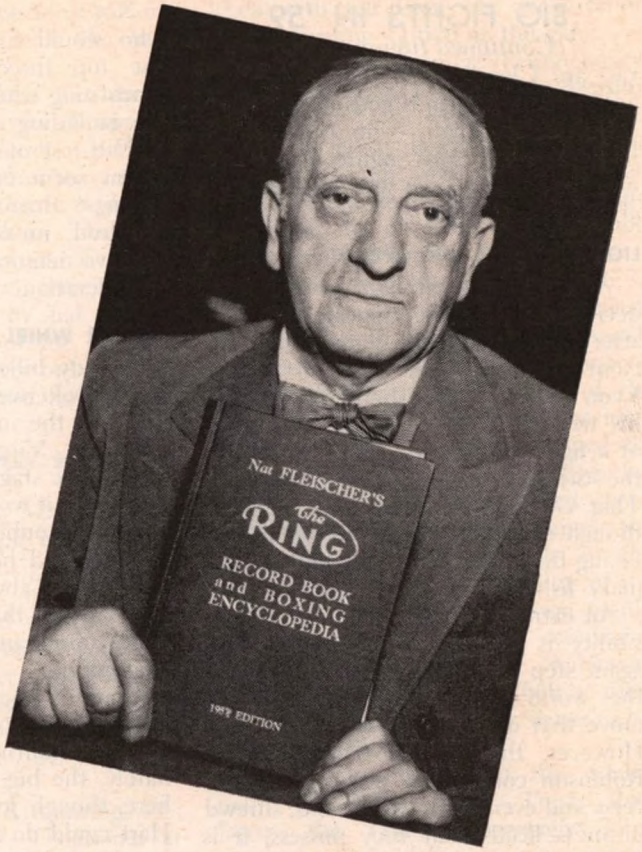

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BIG FIGHTS IN '59

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vas, are Cleveland Williams, who can fight when he isn't getting messages, and Alfredo Zuany who can develop into Mexico's best fighter since the original Pancho Villa was hot-footing it after the *Federalies*.

LIGHT HEAVIES ON UPBEAT

Action among the light heavyweights decidedly is on the upbeat, especially after the scintillating performance Ancient Archie Moore put on against Yvon Durelle, the fisherman who cast his net and found himself in a whale of a fight with an old sea dog. It was the case, for Yvon, of the "Big One That Got Away." Next time perhaps, though crafty old Archie would not be taking the return unless he felt he could make fish-bait out of Durelle.

An extreme though hardly likely possibility is for Ray Robinson to once again step out of his class and try for the world light heavyweight title, a move that once proved wrong for him. However, the idea of Moore against Robinson could draw a lot of controversy and even more dollars and, shrewd business heads that they possess, it is just possible that someone may be able to talk these two old gaffers into tangling with each other.

Of more importance is the work of Tony Anthony, the ability of Harold Johnson and the possibilities of a youngster named Sonny Ray. There isn't a boxing fan worth his Ring Record Book who wouldn't want to see Tony Anthony and Harold Johnson fight, a match which would resolve the claim of both as the No. 1 challenger for Moore's crown.

Ray, along with Erich Schoppner of Germany and Donnie Fleeman of Texas could produce the fireworks necessary to force the issue and work their way into the ratings as number one or two challengers, provided matches amongst them could be made. Moore, playing the game "The Price Is Right," we are certain, would be happy to oblige any and all.

BIG FIGHT OF YEAR

When we come to the middleweights, the bout which could be the big one of 1959 is the anxiously awaited Ray Robinson vs. Carmen Basilio encounter for the title, the rubber match in a titanic series which first saw Basilio win the crown from Robby in 1957 and Ray pick up the title for the fifth time in defeating Carmen last year.

Gene Fullmer, champing at the bit since he lost the title to Robinson early in 1957, certainly is deserving of title bout recognition and a bout with Robinson or Basilio, after the latter two settle their differences, is a must on the fistic menu.

Not to be overlooked is Spider Webb who would fit in nicely with any of the top three, and fast-rising Gene Armstrong who could make trouble for all, including an aging Ray Robinson.

The rest of the top men of the division seem content to battle it out amongst themselves, reluctant to take the lead, no one breaking through in decisive manner to warrant outstanding consideration.

WELTER WHIRL

Already billed is a return match between welterweight champion Don Jordan and the man from whom he took the title, Virgil Akins—this time the bout to be staged in St. Louis. Off the first fight, it would appear Jordan would have no trouble in retaining the title, so badly did he outclass Akins. However, Virgil, always an erratic performer, still carries the potent punch which could upset any fighter, including the champion.

Hard on their heels are Sugar Hart and Ralph Dupas, both fighting at their best and wanting a title shot. Unfortunately, the big money matches are not here, though Jordan, Akins, Dupas and Hart could do comparatively well fighting in their own back yards and Del Flanagan, out in St. Paul, could get each a nifty guarantee to meet him.

BROWN LINED UP

Joe Brown, the lightweight champion who likes to fight when he likes to fight, already has two title bouts lined up for himself, against Johnny Busso and if successful (and it appears he will be though Busso took a non-title ten round decision from him) Kenny Lane, the Michigan southpaw who gave Brown a tough tussle in losing a fifteen rounder to the champion.

Young Carlos Ortiz of New York proved himself to be a good fighter in London in defeating Dave Charnley and his prospects are high, despite a loss to Kenny Lane. The boy doesn't seem to mind going out of his way to pick a fight and so, consequently, much important action awaits him. Bouts with Charnley, again in London, and Willie Towell in Johannesburg are interesting possibilities while he waits developments in Joe Brown's clearing up his schedule of title commitments.

Dulilio Loi of Italy, long one of the top rated lightweights, appears to have passed his peak, though he still packs enough interest to make it a paying proposition for any of the leading lightweights to meet him on his home grounds.

FEATHER ACTION

Some of the best action could take place among the featherweights who have a fighting champion in Hogan (Kid) Bassey. Already on the boards is a title match with Davey Moore, who stands head and shoulders above all the challengers. It would appear that he has a good chance of taking the title.

Paul Jorgensen of Texas who has been fighting and winning consistently, though against opposition which leaves much to be desired, certainly has a look-see in the title picture and, tremendous drawing card that he is in his home state, Bassey or Moore would do well, financially, to have the eyes of Texas upon them.

Most of the remaining action is scattered throughout the world, once we leave the top two challengers in the featherweight division, America having little there and in the two lesser divisions. However, the divisions do keep active and while it appears at this time there is little that could entice a world champion to defend his title against them, still there always remains the possibility of some promoter coming up with an offer and a feather to tickle the fancy of the champion.

FOREIGN PROPOSITION

The bantamweight and flyweight divisions are strictly foreign propositions, America having very little to offer and less to recommend at those weights. Interest, nevertheless, remains high overseas in those two classes.

Alphonse Halimi of France, the bantamweight champion, was the only world titleholder who did not defend his crown during 1958 and for that reason, if little else, important action should be stepped up in the coming months. Piero Rollo of Italy, Leo Espinosa of The Philippines and Mario D'Agata of Italy, former champion, are all angling for a shot at Halimi, though it is quite possible that Halimi will decide to do battle with the title at stake in Cuba against Manuel Arementeros, or even more important financially, in Mexico with hard-hitting Jose Lopez.

Lopez has a tough countryman contender in Joe Becerra to trade wallops with, a match which is the biggest money fight for Mexico, aside from any title contest. The one American in the picture at this point steps into consideration, Horace (Boots) Monroe of Los Angeles. As we go to press he is scheduled to meet Lopez.

Pascual Perez, going into his fifth year as world flyweight champion, appears to have a stranglehold on the division. He has already defeated all of the leading contenders in title matches but can still find much lucrative work with contenders from Thailand, Venezuela, Japan, Mexico, Spain and his own Argentina who are anxious to try their luck against the indefatigible little fighter. Such as Sadao Yaoita of Japan, who recently handed Perez his first loss in a non-title bout.

THE MAT WORLD

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mat, veterans who have seen action for 25 years are Wee Willie Davis and his brother Karl Davis, Bibber McCoy, Hardy Kruskamp, Gino Garabaldi, Ed. (Strangler) Lewis, Jim Londos, Pat Fraley. All but Lewis are still active on the mat.

Wrestling is not without its lighter moments. Firpo Zysysko, of the bald pate and handle-bar mustache hands wrestling fans many laughs when he goes into action. Sometimes opponents cannot overlook tossing him across the ring by that mustache. When they do Zybysko hollers to high Heaven, paws his beard and comes up with a loose strand, which he now shows to the referee. The official bends over to look and Zybysko blows it into the referee's eye. It is all good-natured fun.

Among other comedians of the mat are Lee Henning, the Decorah, Iowa Butcherboy, who is known as the "Man With the 1,000 faces." On occasions when Henning gets tied up by an opponent and cannot move, he looks disparingly at the fans who are laughing at his predicament and shouts, "*Well, what would you do if you were in my place?*" And the fans yowl. Farmer McGregor the midget wrestler comes into the ring smoking a corncob pipe. While listening to instructions he puffs on the pipe and sometimes chokes the referee with a cloud of smoke and the fans scream with delight. It is these lighter moments which give wrestling fans a respite from the actual wrestling scene and it all goes toward an evening well spent in relaxation and enjoyment.

Happy Farmer Humphrey, the 652 pound behemoth of Macon, Georgia, is considered the heaviest grappler in the ring today. This hardy son of the soil weighed 740 pounds when he entered wrestling, and lost 80 pounds in grappling almost every night from coast to coast. Humphrey uses his "Belly Bumps" to knock opponents to the mat and then falls on them for a pin without too much trouble. Happy weighed 22 pounds at birth and when he was three tipped the Fairbanks to the tune of 150 pounds. One of the real curiosities of the mat, Humphrey possesses an 86 inch waist, 76 inch chest, 51 inch thighs and 28 inch biceps. At the festive board he can pile in the groceries in copious quantities and is runner-up to such gourmets as Ski Hi Lee. We'd like to see a food marathon between Humphrey and Lee, but we'd certainly hate to pay the bill for the repast those two could devour.

Among the pleasing newcomers in the East are Bobby Brown, who formerly wrestled under the name of Guy La Rose. He is winning plenty of devotees in both Canada and New York State and can wrestle with the best in the business.

Tarzan Tourville, Leo Garabaldi, Don Arnold, Ludwig von Krupp, a cousin of Hans Schmidt, Bernard (Frenchy) Vignal are other newcomers who have made their Eastern debuts in an auspicious manner. They are the up and coming recruits of a new regime in wrestling and they are always heartily welcomed by mat addicts.

The RING will continue to give you interesting anecdotes on wrestlers and the wrestling picture as a whole in the East.

SHORT STORY ON SHIRLEY STRIMPLE

By Texas Bob Utter

Named "Wrestling's Miss America of 1956," Shirley Strimple is considered to be the most beautiful girl in sports.

A platinum-haired blonde with sparkling blue eyes and a cream pure complexion, Miss Strimple possesses the body beautiful. Her vital statistics are: Age . . . 26. Height . . . 5-feet 5-inches. Weight . . . 135 pounds. Bust . . . 36, Waist . . . 24, Hips . . . 34.

Shirley was born in Kittanning, Pa., but moved to Owasso, Oklahoma at the age of 12. Six years later she won her first beauty contest after finishing high school. While attending Joplin Missouri Business College in 1949 her photograph was entered in a state wide beauty contest and she emerged victorious over more than a thousand entries. An advertising agency saw the picture and offered Shirley a fashion model job. She was 19 at the time.

In 1949 while attending a girl's wrestling match, Shirley decided to cast her modelling career aside and go into the cauliflower business.

A year later while working a booking engagement in Boston, she was fortunate enough to be billed on the same program with a handsome young grappler by the name of Roy McClarity. Three months later they were married in the Boston Garden.

On July 15, 1955, four months after the birth of son, Steven Patrick, Shirley wrestled on the first all-girl card ever held in Chicago, Ill. One month later she annexed the Minnesota State Championship in her home town of Minneapolis before 4,230.

The McClarity's now have three children, Steven Patrick (6 mo.) Debra Raye (3 yrs.) and Tony James (22 mo.). In 1954 they bought a $30,000 home in Minneapolis. They plan to settle down there when both retire.

TEXAS RASSLIN'

By Texas Bob Utter

A wild and bloody victory was notched by El Medico over Dangerous Danny McShane at the Sam Houston Coliseum recently in a spectacular card exploited by Promoter Morris P. Sigel. Even with television the presentation drew a sizzling 11,000 at the gate.

Medico, the former Texas heavyweight champion, lost a bloody decision to McShane three weeks prior to their second meeting before 9,000 at the City Auditorium. The Latin-American swore revenge saying that Danny would be unable to go three falls in their second engagement.

McShane won the first fall in 16:32 with a knee drop while the Mexican won the second stanza and the match in 12:46 with a series of brain busters. The battle was carried outside of the ring on several different occasions. Medico's mask was all but ripped off at one time. McShane, fighting for his life and honor, was battered about the face when Medico rammed the Irishman's face into the side of the ring while the two were battling in the aisle. The physician in charge would not permit McShane to continue. Medico, 230, Mexico City, challenged Tosh Togo for the Texas belt a short time after the match. McShane, 218, hails from Houston.

In the second half of the double main attraction, Tosh Togo, 240, Japan, the Texas heavyweight king, notched a two fall win over scrappy Pepper Gomez, 206, Los Angeles, Calif. The Jap won the first and third fall for the victory.

The girl's match saw Blonde Penny Banner, 145, Columbus, Ohio, record a close win over red-haired Kay Noble, 140, Chicago, Ill., in one of the top scraps on the program.

Preliminary action went to Lou Martinez, 215, Mexico City, over Johnny Valentine, 230, Seattle, Wash., by disqualification while Duke Keomuka, 215, Honolulu, and Jeasus Cardenas, 325, Mexico, drew in the opener.

GALVESTON

Promoter Norm Clark's big standing room card at the City Auditorium in Galveston recently saw Tosh Togo, Texas heavyweight champion, and El Medico, former Texas champ, battle to a stalemate before a 1500 sellout.

Togo won the first session in 15:00 with the Latin notching second honors in 6:43. Both men were counted out while fighting outside of the ring. Togo weighed 240; El Medico 235.

Blonde Johnny Valentine, 235, Seattle, Wash., used an over the shoulder back breaker to defeat Duke Keomuka, 218, Honolulu, in one of the top preliminary bouts while Pepper Gomez, 206, Los Angeles, Calif., defeated Sugi Sito, 216, Hong Kong, in a one-fall scorcher.

Gorgeous Penny Banner, 145, Columbus, Ohio, notched her second straight win here by defeating Lorraine Johnson in a special added attraction.

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NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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There is no arguing that Moore's battle with Durelle, loaded with thrills, drama and suspense, and his gallant uphill fight to emerge the eventual winner, was "THE Fight of 1958." But the Fighter of the Year unquestionably was Ingemar Johansson, who, in one blistering round, established himself as the No. 1 challenger for the world heavyweight championship.

DECISION FOR MOYER OVER ORTEGA MOST UNFORTUNATE

The first nationally televised fight of the year, the Denny Moyer-Gasper Ortega contest in New York's Garden, created a furore because of the decision that enabled Moyer, a nineteen year old from Portland, Oregon, to extend his winning streak to nineteen.

The majority of fans who watched the bout, both at the Garden and on the screen, agreed with the newspapermen covering the contest that it was one of the worst decisions in years in New York. When sixteen out of eighteen reporters agree that the boxer tabbed the loser by the majority of the officials should have been awarded the decision, there must be ample reason for the flood of protesting letters, and the vitrolic lambasting the newspapers gave the verdict.

When Referee Arthur Mercante and Judge Nick Gamboli scored the bout in favor of the Oregon collegian, the sport got started off on the wrong foot for 1959. Judge Artie Aidela saw it eye-to-eye with the sixteen reporters and the spectators. The blast that followed the split decision indicated the extent of the error of the officials.

Had the match promised an even contest, the decision would undoubtedly have been regarded as just another blunder. But the fact that Western gamblers flooded New York with late bets that altered the odds a few hours before ringtime, from a static 8-5 in Ortega's favor to a firm 7-5 for the erstwhile underdog, when the boxers entered the ring, raised the eyebrows of spectators and newsmen.

The gamblers who infest the area in the vicinity of the Garden were panicky and tried hurriedly to shift their wagers. Some got out. Most didn't.

There was nothing crooked about the fight. The boys gave their best and so far as the boxing officials and others concerned with the affair could learn, the sudden fluctuation was due wholly to the Western support given to Moyer in a last minute rush.

There was no tampering with officials --each a person of integrity and possessing an unimpeachable record. It was unfortunate that poor judging should have given boxing a black eye on the opening television program of the new year.

I hope the New York and other Commissions will arrange for boxing clinics such as were frequently held in New York in the Farley regime. In these, rules for judging fights and discussions on recent disputed decisions were aired.

NEW YORK GETS NEW HEAD OF BOXING COMMISSION

In appointing Major-General Melvin K. Krulewitch, chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission, Governor Rockefeller placed at the head of boxing in that State a man who has had wide experience in the legal field, but who, like his predecessors, Bob Christenberry, now New York's Postmaster, and Julius Helfand, has no boxing background.

The newly appointed Commissioner can, as did the outgoing chairman, do much to better this sport. A strict disciplinarian with wide military experience, General Krulewitch can be depended upon to govern without interference.

Like Helfand, who remains as a commissioner at least temporarily, the highly decorated head of New York's boxing, who was chosen for the vacancy left by the election to the State Assembly of Commissioner Francis J. Souhan, General Krulewitch has served several state bodies in legal matters. He was the trial examiner for the New York Labor Relations Board, Examiner for the Public Service Commission and a special Counsel for the State. Like Helfand, who learned about the intracacies of boxing after he had taken office, General Krulewitch is a vigorous foe of undesirables. If his record as a lawyer and a Marine in three wars is a criterion, the new chairman should do well.

General Krulewitch, 63 years old, was honored three years ago as the first New York born brigadier general in the U. S. Marine Corps. He was born on November 11, 1895. He is a graduate of Columbia and its Law School. He enlisted in World War I as a private, served in frontline fighting in seven major engagements, twice was wounded and gassed and emerged as a sergeant. At Belleau Wood in France, he was one of eleven survivors of 200 Marines after a Prussian Guard attack splintered Holcomb's Battalion. He still carries in him shrapnel from that battle as well as Chinese steel that nicked him 35 years later in Korea.

He reenlisted in World War II and was a Colonel when the war ended. As a Marine Reserve for forty years, he was sent to Korea, and served until the end of that conflict. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1955 and the following year, to Major General. Among his citations are the bronze star, two Presidential Unit citations and the Croix de Guerre.

At Columbia University he was a member of the wrestling team and he carries a mark of the trade, a slightly cauliflowered right ear. He refereed college wrestling matches and amateur bouts but never participated in boxing except at the City Athletic Club, of which he is a member.

Subjected to a battery of questions at a special meeting with newspapermen, General Krulewitch ducked answering those regarding future policy, unlike his predecessors, who upon taking office, declared war immediately on unsavory characters whose names had frequently appeared in print as undercover managers.

"*I prefer to get my feet on the ground, first,*" he said. "*I have my opinions on the present boxing situation and so have you, but I want to attend several meetings, see how our Board carries on and learn something about my duties and those within the sport before I go on record on a policy,*" he continued. "*Please don't ask me to express any opinions, until I get a chance to see what the picture is. I have received no instructions from the Governor on my new duties. I shall do my best to help Governor Rockefeller's administration. I want to be helpful to boxing and hope to do a good job.*"

As a commissioner, General Krulewitch will find the type of wrestling which he will now have to supervise, far different from that which he did as head of the National A.A.U. Wrestling Committee many years ago.

We wish him all the best as boxing commissioner.

WHY ISN'T KIDNEY PUNCH PENALIZED BY REFEREES?

THE RING has received many letters asking why referees don't penalize a fighter for use of the kidney punch. These have been prompted by the repeated announcement by TV commentators such as, "*there goes another foul kidney punch. I don't know why the referee isn't warning Tom Smith for the use of the prohibited kidney blow, but he's letting him get away with it.*"

Unfortunately the commentators fail to distinguish between a fair and a foul kidney punch. It is not illegal when tossed while both fighters are free such as was the case when Max Schmeling received several from Joe Louis in their second bout at a time when the Uhlan was covering up against the ropes and Joe was attacking from a distance. Max caught the punches while twisting his body to avoid being struck in the midsection. Under the rules unless a boxer is holding with one hand and striking his opponent with the kidney blow with the other hand, the punch is legal. To be an illegal blow, the delivery must be made while holding with one hand.

RATINGS

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Baby Colon kayoed Sal Fuentes, 8. George Harrell defeated Gene Washington, 8. Glen Burguess defeated Dick Goldstein, 12.

Hachiro Tatsumi retained Japanese title beating Teruo Maraoka, 10. Joe Brewer beat Cleo Frazier, 6. Cal Houston won from Orlando DePietro, 6.

Don Fullmer whipped Roscoe Shamblin, 6. Ernie Bell beat Orece Tatum, 6. Joe Lissy won from Otto Smith, 6. Cleo Frazier bested Mutt Goodwin, 6.

Rocky Fumerelle defeated Frank LaPola, 6. Steve Mendoza whipped Dave Moreno, 6, and Dave Brown, 6, Moreno drew with Milton Jones, 6, while Milton also drew with Bob Gayton, 6. Jimmy Walters kayoed Billy Murray, 4.

Doug Jones stopped Andre Tessier, 3. Tony Dominguez kayoed Willie Moon, 2. Dean Crisp beat Jimmy Jones, 6. Jimmy Remson kayoed Ted Millhouse, 4.

Freddie Little kayoed George Price, 2. Bill Roberts won from Bernie Ford, 6. Jackie O'Brien kayoed Arthur Turner, 4. Roscoe Shamblin defeated Clarence Riley, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Sugar Hart defeated Ralph Dupas, 10.

Isaac Logart was held to a draw by Frederico Thompson, 10. Thompson kayoed Cayetano Tapia, 5.

Rudell Stitch defeated middleweight Chico Vejar, 10.

Emilio Marconi rewon the European welterweight title by beating Jacques Herbillon, 15. Title has been vacant.

Denny Moyer upset Gaspar Ortega, 10. Cirilo Gil won from Alfonso Moreno, 10, Alfonso also lost to Ramon Paz, 10.

Martiniano Pereyra kayoed Luis Magarinos, 5. Paddy DeMarco returned to action and stopped Lionel Butler, 4.

Kid Fichique whipped Miguel Diaz, 10. Tombstone Smith was kayoed by Middleweight Al Williams, 8.

Ted Wright defeated middleweight Fernando Spallotta, 10. Arnold Gil defeated L. C. Morgan, 10. Reybon Stubbs won from Gilberto Holguin, 10.

Tony Dupas defeated Teddy Davis, 10. Gomeo Brennan kayoed Jose Edwin, 1.

Ray Terrazas defeated Jack Flores, 10, and kayoed Percy Bradley, 6. Ben Buker II defeated Jose Ungidos, 8. Barry Allison defeated Roger Harvey, 10.

Dave Cervantes whipped Dave Dupas, 10. Charley Scott stopped Tom Brown, 8. Solomon Boysaw whipped Jay Fullmer, 8.

Eddie Jordan won from Peter Schmidt, 8. Agustin Rosales kayoed Roberto Pinon, 7. Joe Murphy stopped Lloyd Kirkpatrick, 9.

Roberto Pena whipped Freddie Montor, 10. Cecil Shorts whipped Herb Nichols, 6. Dom Prestone kayoed Willie Mitchell, 2.

Willie (Kid) Johnson and Al Duarte drew, 6. Al then lost to Joe DiPierro, 6. Kid Rayo kayoed Baby Ike, 4. Bobby McHugh kayoed Rocky Martin, 3. Billy Collins stopped Vernon Lee, 3. Steve Mendoza beat Dave Brown, 6.

Art Aragon kayoed Dickie Wong, 2. Antonio Marcilla defeated Robert Scott, 6. Guy LoConte stopped Sidney Drayton, 6. Al Styles beat Bobby King, 6. Johnny Taylor kayoed Mike DeFeo, 2. Billy Collins defeated Smiley Packer, 5.

LIGHTWEIGHT

Kenny Lane outfought Carlos Ortiz, 10.

European champion Duilio Loi defeated Conny Rudhoff, 10 (non-title), Conny also lost to Ziyaris Taki, 10.

Len Matthews was held to a draw by Ray Lancaster, 8.

Eddie Perkins stopped Mexican Champion Babby Vasquez, 7. Victor Pepeder whipped Epiphane Akono, 12, Akono stopped Renato Giacche, 9.

Spanish champion Bobby Ros retained his title beating Chato Ramos, 12, then beat Giuseppe Marotto, 10. Joey Lopes whipped Jimmy Moser, 10.

Jamie Gine beat Miguel Angel Pendola, 10 and Manolo Garcia, 10. Florentino Fernandez kayoed Alberto Bisbe, 3. Mauro Vazquez kayoed Chucho Mejia, 5, and beat Gil Cadilli, 10.

L. C. Morgan kayoed Benny Montoya, 3, but lost to welter Arnoldo Gil, 10. Ezequiel Uribe kayoed welter Jos Arguelles, 8.

Charley Douglas whipped Franco Neci, 10, Nenci bested Annibale Omodei, 10. Al Urbina beat Sergio Gomez, 10.

George Monroe defeated Tommy Garrow, 10. Manuel Sosa defeated Felix Chiocca, 10. Art Ramponi defeated Jimmy Feaster, 10.

Al Melendez kayoed Ramon Rodriguez, 4, Juan Valles, 1, and Rollie Kline, 1. Leroy Jeffery kayoed Sammy Lanire, 1. Paulino Montes kayoed Camilo Flores, 10.

Chano Barrientos beat Raul Anchondo, 10. Gene Gresham stopped Robert Keeling, 5.

Jackie Moore stopped Len Walters, 7. Dick Kirby whipped Abe Haynes, 6. Jimmy Hayes won from Jimmy Feaster, 6.

Norman Smith stopped Roy Copeland, 4. Al King stopped Clarence Jones, 5. George Page won from Al Medrando, 6. Psalm Johnson whipped Paul Lee, 6. Ray Walker kayoed Ray Castro, 1. Paul Armstead decisioned Len Matthews, 10.

Frankie Ryff stopped Aldo Mente, 5. Don Ward bested Bobby Rogers, 8. Al King stopped Tony Grosse, 5.

FEATHERWEIGHT

Paul Jorgensen whipped Bobby Bell, 10 and kayoed Ray DeLeon, 2.

Flash Elorde kayoed Seichiro Nakaniski, 4.

Ike Chestnut and Sonny Leon drew, 10.

Argentina champion Ricardo Gonzalez retained his title beating Raton Vargas, 10. Manolo Garcia lost to lightweight Jamie Gine, 10, but kayoed Humberto Novoa, 5 and drew with Americo Bonetti, 10.

Battling Torres kayoed Henry Macias, 5, and Billy Peacock, 5.

European champion Sergio Caprari kayoed Willy Quator, 4. Kid Anahuac kayoed Al Wilcher, 2.

Angel Guerrero and Orlando Castillo, drew, 10. Martin Rodriguez won from Pete Kawala, 10.

Mexican champion Victor Manuel Quijano defeated Casey Jones, 10. Hisao Kobayashi retained his Orient title beating Jet Bally, 12.

Alfredo Bunetta kayoed Pedro Miranda, 10. Doug Vaillant whipped Alfredo Urbina, 10. Spanish champion Jose Luis Martinez drew with Ricardo Navarro, 10. Jules Touan and Andre Valignat drew, 10.

Santiago Martinez kayoed Memo Baltazarez, 6. Felix Cervantes defeated Noel Humphreys, 10. Sugar Ramos stopped Tono Coria, 4.

Huesito Gonzalez kayoed Avelino Felix, 1. Roberto Hernandez beat Jose Galvan, 10. Kid Chick and Dick Divola, drew 8. Tommy Bain halted Junior Flores, 7.

Zurdo Sanchez beat Negrito Medina, 10. Chano Barrientos kayoed Hector Ramirez, 8. Juan Ramirez defeated Luis Trejo, 10. Sergio Milan and Andred Vairolatto drew, 10.

Ray DeLeon kayoed Fidel Banuelos, 6, but was kayoed by Claudio Adame, 4. Jimmy Connors stopped Jim Ampey, 2, and Mike Garcia, 4. Jesus Oliva beat Indio Conde, 10. Joey Arias won from Gerardo Cepeda, 10, and kayoed Tony Corrales, 7.

Johnny Shaw stopped Gil Tapia, 3. Antonio Martin trimmed Jose Crespo, 10. Wayne Cook stopped Kildo Martinez, 6.

Ronnie Perez bested Charlie Marshall, 6. Conrado Williams bested Serafin Garcia, 8. Manuel Coronado won over Cosme Rodriguez, 6. Tommy Smith won over Tommy Kelly, 6. Raul Serrato defeated Arturo Aguirre, 6. Casey Smith whipped Jose Santos, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHT

Leo Espinosa retained Philippines featherweight title beating Gil Flores, 12.

Al Asucion stopped Angel Boy, 5.

Kiyoshi Miura outscored Arab Jr. 10.

Boots Monroe defeated Joe Medel, 10.

Mexican champion Jose Lopez kayoed Torito Jimenez, 3. Dwight Hawkins stopped Pimi Barajas, 7.

South American champion Ernesto Miranda kayoed Jose Salvatierra, 5, and beat Hugo Marin, 10. Chucho Hernandez kayoed Cain Rogero, 3, Cain then beat Jose Galvan, 10.

Freddy Gilroy won the British Empire title stopping Peter Keenan, 11. Claudio Martinez won from Orlando Reyes, 10.

Eder Jofre kayoed Roberto Castro, 2. Rudy Corona kayoed Sammy Serrano, 1.

Gino Tovar beat Lauro Martinez, 10. Bernardo dela Cruz kayoed Rafael Hernandez, 6. Pentti Hamalainen beat Sugar Ray, 10.

Angel Coronada kayoed Chitito Ochoa, 4, and bested Torito Mota, 10. Adrian Rojas bested Efrain Quintana, 10.

Jorge Gomez kayoed Gustavo Carrera, 6. Grullito Aguilar best Chango Ceballos, 10, Chango then beat Frankie Soto, 10. Guildo Vargas beat Arturo Vazquez, 10.

Panchit Saldivar kayoed Erasmo Sanchez, 3. Pedro Acerado kayoed Antonio Blanco, 3. Jorge Herrera kayoed Marcello Gonzalez, 4. Juan Ibarez defeated Gustavo Sosa, 8. Joe Valdez beat Pastor Gonzales, 10. Terry Spinks kayoed Sugar Ray, 7.

FLYWEIGHT

World champion Pascual Perez suffered the first loss of his career in his 48th fight when he was upset by Sadao Yaoita, 10 (non-title). Horacio Accavallo decisioned Angelo Rampin, 8.

Ramon Arias whipped Jose Ogazon, 10.

German Pardo upset Carlos Miranda, 10.

Horacio Accavallo beat Giacomo Spano, 10, and Francisco Carreno, 10. Larry Pineda regained the Philippine title by whipping Vic Campo, 12.

Mimun Ben Ali whipped Henri Schmid, 10.

Japanese Champion Sadao Yaoita retained his title by outpointing Shichiro Kimura, 10. Yaoita then gave up the title which was won by Kenji Yonekura who outpointed Atsushi Fukumonto, 10. Saul Becerril won on a disqualification from Jose Oliva, 7.

Risto Luukkonen defeated Jose Ogazon, 10. Goyo Flores kayoed Paul Leanos, 5. Carlos Rodriguez kayoed Pablo Sosa, 5.

NINO VALDES' TITLE

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interlude filler.

In any event, title to the championship became cleared when Jeffries came back and was stopped by Jack Johnson, who had knocked out Burns.

In more recent times, what with a wiser and more discriminating public and commission rule, retiring champions have abandoned the idea that their titles may be given away.

When Rocky Marciano decided to call it a career, he announced that he was through and made no pretense of setting up a successor.

When Patterson stopped Moore, Marciano joined in acclaiming Floyd as his accredited successor. And that's precisely what he is, until somebody beats him.

That a Patterson-Johansson fight would pack Yankee Stadium is conceded everywhere. That a Patterson-Johansson fight would be a powerful stimulus to boxing and would arouse new interest in all classes, also is self evident.

But, as this issue of The Ring Magazine is circulated, there is no certainty that what appears to be good for the ring appeals to D'Amato on scientific, aesthetic and financial bases.

It will be recollected that after Patterson's disappointing showing against Roy Harris last Summer, the champion admitted he had been out of action too long, and D'Amato promised multiple defenses in 1959.

If Cus refuses to sign with Johansson, who then? Would he consider a trip to England to meet the British champion? Or would he give Peter Rademacher a powerful shot of smelling salts and shove him into some ring again as an alleged worthwhile foe?

It's the same old story. D'Amato insists that he is doing what's best for Patterson and boxing. So long as Cus keeps the IBC out of the picture, he is delighted. That he also bars the fans and hurts boxing hit his blind side.

A boxing star is supposed to be in the game for money. But Patterson appears to be oblivious of finances.

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ALONG THE WRESTLING TRAIL
By Bette Krieger

1958 submits to 1959, and we hope that '59 will be as great a year for wrestling as the year that just passed.

Riots seemed to make wrestling history once again, and even in Madison Square Garden, the palace of sports, riots occurred. It seemed to be another "riot year" wherever wrestling showed, heading the list, of teams that seemed to rouse the savage in people, was the Grahams, and Rocca, Perez teams, with the Grahams as the "top hate boys" also victims of the N.Y. athletic commission. They were all fined very heavily, $1,000 each. Fined, but not so heavily, was Edward Carpenter.

The Tolos team really made a big hit in New York area in '58, and though villains, they really can wrestle. The Tolos Boys are wrestling and making great strides in Canada.

In 1958 tag team brothers seem to hit New York by storm, Larry and Joe Hamilton, the Missouri Wild cats, made a big ovation. Larry bleached his hair to a blonde, and cut his long locks to a crew cut, real cute. . .

Chief Don Eagle made a popular debut in New York territory, teaming up with Chief Big Heart. They quickly departed for another territory with Kit Fox, replacing them . . .

Gene Stanlee, the Mr. America of wrestling, and one of our great big favorites, responsible for selling the Madison Square Garden out a few years back with Tony Rocca, invaded Australia, fans there set the arena afire when their favorite champion was beaten by Gene. Riots were the craze wherever wrestling prevailed. When the champ lost, Gene was conked on the head with a bouquet of flowers that was to be presented to the Champion. Gene was rushed to a waiting plane and spirited out of the country.

Gene will be back either in New York, or Florida, and possibly both places and you will be seeing him via Washington TV shortly.

"Prince Charming of the Mat," Mark Tendler, finished his contract with Uncle Sam, and is now back on the mat wars, hear tell that he is making mat history down Florida way. Mark has what it takes and we predict 1959 will see your boy Mark, way up on the ladder of stardom.

Red head, and beautiful Peggy Allen, has a club, headed by Millie Hypes of Virginia. Judy Grable made her prexy very happy, when she had a few days off, she visited with Violet Smith in Meadowlands, Pa. Violet wrote and said she had enjoyed some happiness in having her girl with her.

The 1959 threat to all tag team champions, and title holders, barring none, will be the Gallagher Brothers, Mike, and Doc. Watch these two hate boys as they go to work in their own little snug and sly way.

We hope that in 1959 wrestling fans will subscribe to the Ring magazine which will always keep you closest to the wrestlers, and the latest news as it happens.

HENRY COOPER

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to shake hands with Cooper and when this round ended he held Henry's right glove high indicating he was the winner. But he had miscalculated by one round, and had to take a further three-minutes' pasting before Cooper received the official verdict of Ike Powell.

Had this not been a championship fight I think the referee would have intervened against Cooper's eye injury in the seventh and against London's wound any time after the eleventh, but with the titles at stake, Powell rightly showed restraint.

Certainly the eye wounds of Cooper and London were worse than that of Willie Pastrano when the fight was stopped in London's favor at the end of the fifth round last September.

Full credit to both men who knocked sideways the cracks about horizontal British heavyweights. Full credit to Cooper's courage and boxing ability, but if he is to gain revenge against Johansson or to give Patterson any trouble, he must be prepared to bring his right fist into the fight.

But his biggest handicap in a world title bid could be those scars around the eyes. He bled badly when beating Zora Folley over ten rounds. That wound may have cost him the fight had it been over fifteen. But as Henry's share of the London bout including T.V. and radio is around £11,000 ($30,000) and he can earn himself another £50,000 ($140,000) in 1959, the fighter who sought contests in Germany because Jack Solomons wouldn't put him on in London after those three earlier title failures, hasn't done badly. The former soldier, plasterer and Cinderella Man of Boxing is now Champion of Britain and the Empire, and a leading challenger for the European and World crowns.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

HOUSTON, TEXAS BOXING ENTERPRISES, INC.—Cleve Williams, 206, almost stopped Howie Turner, 220, of Brooklyn in the first heat when he sent him reeling into the hemp with a smashing left hook. The big New York heavy managed to stay erect, weathered the round, and though there was never any question about the outcome, he did go the route in the feature 10.

In a co-ten Pat McCoy, 136, Galway, Ireland, dropped a gruelling battle to lanky Henry Watson, 137, Dallas. Watson was winning his ninth fight against one loss in 1958. McCoy had the crowd on his side just as he did in his tremendous but losing effort to highly regarded Aldo Mente here on November 25.

In the prelims Cortez Stewart, 178, Philadelphia, won in six from Houston's Dean Bogany, 177. Joey Archer, 152, Bronx, walloped rugged Ruben Flores, 153, Dallas, to stay unbeaten. Baltazar "Junior" Flores, 127½, Port Arthur, looked good beating Rudy Gonzales, 127½, Dallas, in a four, and the third four saw clever Jess Gonzales, 128, Houston, beat Eugene Wylie, 126, Tampa.

▶ Tyler, Earl Gilliam, Promoter—Paul Jorgensen, 132, Port Arthur, kayoed Arturo Diaz Mota, 129, Matamaros, Mexico, in the third frame. Mota's pugilistic monicker is Kid Aztequita.

Alvin Green, 170, Tyler, whipped Sherman Goodman, 173, Houston, in the semi-final eight. Al McCoy, 165, decisioned Clarence Boone, 168, in six. Daulton Caro, 149, and Leroy Simon, 148, staged a three round exhibition.

▶ Odessa, Texas, Bob Callahan, Promoter—Zora Folley, 192, Chandler, Arizona, and Alvin Green, 178, Tyler, fought an eight round exhibition at the Ector County Coliseum. Mickey Brown, 161, Houston, stopped Rudy Smith, 156, a Folley stablemate, in the fourth round. Johnny Shaw, 130, a comer from Arizona, stopped Gil Tapia, 133, San Antonio, in three. Floyd Joyner, 187, another Folley stablemate, and Dean Bogany, 181, Houston, drew in eight. Cecil Mott, 143, Houston, edged Killer Carl Foy, 148, Houston, in a wild four round opener.

▶ Lubbock, West Texas Boxing Club, Inc.—L. C. Morgan, 142, Youngstown, Ohio, blasted Benny Montoya, 146, Albuquerque, N. M., to rest in the sixth round of their 10 round main go. Sonny Moore, 183, Dallas, kayoed Freddie Milton, 175, in the fifth. Frank Lawson, 175, Dallas, iced Sherman Goodman, 170, Houston, in the first round. Dickey Leach, 143, grabbed the duke from Mexico's veteran Simon Rivera, 145, in an interesting six.

▶ Brownsville, Texas, Nolan B. Aycock, Promoter—Eugenio Tovar, 118, whipped Lauro Martinez, 123, in the 10 round headline attraction. Jorge Gomez, 119, kayoed Gustavo Carrera, 118, in six rounds. Pedro Acerado, 118, bombed Antonio Blanco, 118, into submission in the third.

▶ Dallas, Ralph Smith, Promoter—Paul Jorgensen, 129, Port Arthur, looked sensational in hammering out an easy 10 round win over the crowd pleasing Bobby Bell, 128, former high ranking featherweight, in the feature attraction. Bert Whitehurst, 192, came out with a 10 round duke over Art Swiden, 198. Tommy Sims, 174, the Los Angeles Hurricane, whipped veteran Chief Alvin Williams, 172, in another 10. The fourth 10 found Tommy Bain, 127, stopping Baltazar "Junior" Flores, 122, in the seventh round of a great action fight.

SOUTH AFRICA NEWS
By Les Muller

EUROPEAN-ROUNDUP. LOURENCO MARQUES: JOHNNY VAN RENSBURG, SOUTH AFRICAN LIGHT AND welterweight champion scored a easy victory over Mino Fragosa, a former Portuguese champion. The fight was stopped in the third round, thus Van Rensburg winning on a T.K.O. Fragosa was down twice for counts of nine in the second round and took three counts of nine in the third round. Immediately Van Rensburg was awarded the fight, the crowd of about 4,000 began to demonstrate. They jeered, booed and threw bottles into the ring. Van Rensburg weighed 135, and Fragosa 134.

▶ Johannesburg: Mike Holt, South African lightheavyweight champion and American Jerry Luedee fought a magnificent draw at the Rand Stadium. Both boxers meted out and took unflinchingly heavy punishment, and a draw seemed a fair reflection. Luedee narrowly won the first five rounds, with some clever infighting, his best blows were sharp short punches to Holt's head.

Jan Botes (142½) won the vacant Transvaal welterweight title when he defeated Kenny Lawrence (144¾) on a fourth round T.K.O. Botes is a prospect worth watching and could go a long way if given the opportunity.

Catchweights: Phil Kleynhans (142½) beat Ken Watson (129¼) on a first round T.K.O.

Catchweights: Charlie Els (126½) beat Teuns Van Rooyen (127½) on points over four rounds.

Welterweights: Carl Stols (142½) beat Jack Dempsey (144) on a first round T.K.O.

Welterweights: Wally Madley (144½) beat Steve Swan (144½) on points over four rounds.

Heavyweight: David Hamman won points Sias Hattingh.

RAY ROBINSON

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and lost, both times in 20 rounds, to Tommy Burns.

Harry Greb, later to become world middleweight champion, may be the exception, but in defeating Gene Tunney in the first of their five fights, he won only the American light-heavyweight crown. This is the only loss on Tunney's record, and the second time around he regained the title.

Tunney went on to greater things, winning the world heavyweight championship from Jack Dempsey. He too, may be an exception, although he held only the American light-heavyweight crown. No world light-heavyweight king has succeeded in winning the Big Title. The last to try was Moore.

No world middleweight champion, including Olson, the last to make the attempt, has succeeded in winning the world light-heavyweight title.

Mickey Walker was a full-fledged world middleweight champion in 1929 when he tried to win the light-heavyweight crown from Tommy Loughran at Chicago. Throughout the 10 round bout Tommy's educated left prevailed.

Four years later, no longer a champion and on his way down, Walker, having held both the welterweight and middleweight titles, made his last bid for a third. He failed, losing to Slapsie-Maxie Rosenbloom in 15 rounds.

And now for the second time in his brilliant career, Sugar Ray Robinson is toying with the idea of making a second attempt to joint Armstrong and Fitzsimmons as a triple champion.

When Ezzard Charles was heavyweight champion, George Gainford, Robinson's spokesman, was always challenging.

"*You fight him George,*" was Sugar Ray's comment.

Now that Floyd Patterson is on the heavyweight throne, Big George has suggested Robinson fight him.

"*Man, you want to get me killed,*" said the middleweight champion.

Stanley Ketchel, a middleweight champion, fought Jack Johnson for the heavyweight title. He had him on the canvas, but Johnson got up, and with the next punch knocked out the Michigan Assassin.

The only world middleweight champion to succeed in winning top heavyweight honors was Fitzsimmons, who made it by knocking out James J. Corbett.

It is probable Georges Carpentier was only a middleweight when he knocked out Battling Levinsky to win the world light-heavyweight title, and qualify to fight Dempsey. When he faced the Manassa Mauler, Carpentier's weight was announced as 172 pounds. It is a good guess the Frenchman was much lighter.

Over the years middleweights have fought light-heavyweights, just as light-heavyweights have fought heavyweights. No title was involved when Billy Conn, who had relinquished the light-heavyweight crown when he fought Joe Louis, outpointed Tony Zale, world middleweight champion.

Before either became champions of their respective divisions, Jack Delaney, light-heavyweight, twice knocked out Tiger Flowers, middleweight. A no-decision bout between Mike McTigue, light-heavyweight king, and Greb is in the record book, but this took place before either won a title.

Robinson knows all this. He knows too, in fighting Moore he would have nothing to lose. The fight would be to his liking, as Ancient Archie would have to do 175 pounds, a weight that is easy for Sugar Ray. And only Moore's title would be at stake.

Not only would the fight draw a tremendous gate with New York blacked out, but it would pack motion picture theatres from Canada to the Gulf, and from the Hudson to the wide Pacific. The match should be made.

TV & BOXING

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JERSEY JOE'S SECRET

Jersey Joe Walcott, one-time world heavyweight champion whose career spanned quite a few years, recently made an appearance on one of the many TV shows which try to be entertaining, this one being "I've Got A Secret." The show, emceed by Garry Moore, has a panel of personalities whose aim in life, it would appear, is to attempt to discover just what the great secret is that the important guest is hiding.

Well, in Walcott's case, the hidden truth was that he, as a professional fighter, kayoed Phil Johnson in 1936, who is father of Harold Johnson, whom Walcott also kayoed, some fourteen years later, in 1950. This ring oddity, a once in two lifetimes, apparently, also saw Walcott finish off pere et fils both in the same round, the third.

And watching, we thought Walcott was going to let us in on some secrets. Hmm.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Lenny Myers

THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING CLUB PRESENTED AT THE Chicago Stadium, ten rounds of boxing between Bobby Boyd and Holly Mims. At the end of ten rounds Boyd was given a split decision. This writer thought the duke belonged to Mims, for it was he who landed the cleaner punches while Boyd missed many of his leads.

In other bouts, Johnny Bonner won a fast 6 round event over George Jarouch. Ricky Austin defeated Kid Casey in four thrilling heats. Rudy Ellis scored a knockdown over Jesse Smith and then went on to defeat him in a six round sizzler. Willie Westbrook knocked out Eddie Allen in the first round. Jimmy Fields outpointed Walcott Jackson in four frames. About two-thousand fans turned out to see the bouts.

▶Chicago's Eddie Perkins has taken the country by storm with his two wins via television over Frankie Ryff and Baby Vasquez.

SONNY RAY DECISIONS ROQUE MARAVILLA IN 10 ROUNDS

SURVIVING a nine count knockdown in the opening seconds of the first round Roque Maravilla, promising light heavyweight from Nampa, Idaho, turned in a creditable showing, although he lost a unanimous ten round decision to the fifth ranked Sonny Ray in their televised battle at Chicago.

Maravilla making his TV debut was caught cold by a sneak right hand lead to the jaw before the echo of the bell had died, and stunned, was nailed by a flurry of sharp punches to the head that sent him stumbling backwards into the ropes where he dropped for a count.

Although Sonny tried hard to finish off his man, Maravilla covered up and was able to weather the storm until the closing seconds of the round when he started to fight back.

Ray continued to carry the fight over the first four rounds as Roque fought strictly on the defensive and made few attempts to launch an offense of his own. Roque was content to make Sonny miss the mark and keep away from the dangerous right hand of Ray.

Over the last six rounds Roque started to fight back and the action was mainly fought at close quarters with first one then the other backed into the ropes pawing away, with little effect at each other.

In both the eighth and tenth rounds, Maravilla got in good flurries and the referee had to stop them from punching after the bell.

While far from an exciting fight it was hard fought with the Idaho battler showing marked ability at picking off blows with his gloves and arms.

Aside from the opening round neither was in trouble, although Ray shook up his man in the sixth with a sharp left hook.

All three officials gave Ray a sizeable margin as Referee Weissman scored it 47-44; Judge Capparelli 48-42 and Judge Clark 48-43.

Sonny turned in his 20th win in 31 fights and his 10th in his last 11 starts. For Maravilla it was his 5th loss out of 35 contests and his third straight but he was far from outclassed and who knows what would have been if Ray had not nailed him right off the bat!

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

AS A WHOLE, BOXING IN NEW ORLEANS AND LOUISIANA during 1958 was not too successful. There have been years when the sport was far more attractive, financially and otherwise.

Of course, there were quite a few fights which lived up to expectations—thrilling, exciting contests which lured large crowds and big gates.

The 1958 season found Bonnie Geigerman and Heard Ragas merging in the promotional field. Together they tried hard to please the tough critics of the Crescent City. However, there was some indication that the two would promote individually this year. Regardless, the picture looms rosier for the new year.

There was a strong possibility that mixed fights would soon be realized in local rings, and if so, promoters here, as well as fighters and managers, should benefit by the change. There are any number of fights that would attract large crowds in New Orleans when mixed bouts begin.

Ralph Dupas, former lightweight title contender now mingling with the welters, would do a landslide business in an over-the-weight fight with lightweight king Joe Brown—despite the fact that the champion holds a knockout over the local dancing master.

Other Crescent City stars likely to see action in mixed fights here include Willie Pastrano, Tony Dupas, Joe Brown and Charley Joseph. A fight between Joseph and Joey Giardello or Gene Fullmer would also do quite a bit of business here.

Boxing in New Orleans failed to hit the jackpot in an overall picture during 1958, but prospects of bigger and better things fistically for 1959 are very bright indeed.

▶ Oldtimers mourned the passing last December of Harry Wills in a New York hospital. Tagged the "Black Panther" during his ring days, Wills was sometimes referred to as the "uncrowned heavyweight champion," after his unsuccessful attempt to lure Jack Dempsey into a title match with him.

Born in New Orleans in 1892, Wills was 68 years old when he died. Harry made several trips to his native city over the years to visit with his mother. And was here when his mother passed away several years ago. Upon his last visit to New Orleans, Wills told the writer that he thought the late Lew Raymond was one of the best matchmakers in the world.

▶ Arthur Persley, 135¼, the Red Cross, La., lightweight, has never failed to make an interesting fight in New Orleans. Guided by George Gainford, manager of Sugar Ray Robinson, the veteran Persley came through with a mild upset when he decisioned Ludwig Lightburn, 137½, in 10 interesting rounds at the Coliseum. It was a split decision, and while the decision was a popular one, I thought Lightburn had a slim margin at the finish.

Ike Stewart, 167, was awarded a third round TKO over Larry Osbey, 168¼, in the top preliminary. Adam Alexander, 119¾, was the victim of a second round kayo by Leo Stewart, 119, while Gene "Stringbean" Leslie, 156¼, proved no match for Eddie Gates, 153½, in another four. Leslie was dropped three times in the first round, but managed to stick it out.

In a substitute four, Joshua O'Neal defeated Gil Joseph by a technical knockout in four.

Only 1310 fans, who paid a net gate of $1844, turned out for the pre-holiday affair. Which proves conclusively that unless a natural is arranged, December is a poor month for fights—for the promoters, at least.

▶ Charley Joseph, one-time high ranking middleweight contender, looked like his old self when he scored a decisive 10-round victory over Willie Vaughn at the Coliseum arena. The November meeting was the fourth between the free-swinging 160-pounders and the most one-sided of the quartet. Joseph, after dropping the first fight to Vaughn in 1956, defeated Willie in the next three engagements.

Off his performance against Vaughn, the New Orleans middleweight shaped up as a fit opponent for any fighter in his division. At 159¼ pounds, Joseph appeared to be in better condition than for any fight since his upset of Spider Webb in the local auditorium. Like Joseph, Vaughn also weighed 159¼ pounds.

Joey Gleason, 180, whipped Johnny Johnson, 182½, in the semi-final six rounder, coming from behind with right hand punches to score a close win. Gil Joseph, 153, made a debut in the pro ranks a winning one when he bested Josh O'Neal, 159, in a four spot. It was a close fight and a split decision.

Charles Simmons was awarded a second round TKO over Otis Easterling when the commission physician, Dr. Philip Montelepre, requested the referee to halt the bout because a severe cut suffered by Easterling. Percy Pugh, 135½, defeated Speedy Allen, 130¾, in another four.

▶ THIS 'N THAT:—Many local boxing fans who witnessed the Ralph Dupas-Sugar Hart fight via tee-vee are of the opinion that Dupas was given a raw deal when the Philly boy was handed the decision. It was an interesting welterweight fight and the split decision was greeted with mingled cheers and jeers. Personally, I thought Ralph had a slight edge. Charley Rodriguez once again has done a fine job with Kenny Lane. The Michigan southpaw came to New Orleans twice to work with Rodriguez in important fights, and both times Lane left in perfect condition. His fights with Joe Brown and Carlos Ortiz will attest for this.

Three sports figures were named in December to the inaugural Louisiana Hall Of Fame at Shreveport, La. The three included the late Mel Ott, who broke several National League records while playing with the New York Giants; Gaynell Tinsley, an all-American end from Louisiana State University, and Tony Canzoneri, who won several pro ring titles . . . Tony, incidentally, beat out Pete Herman by one vote—11 to 10.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

FOUR PRO CHAMPIONS WERE DEFEATED DURING THE past year in Australia and one excellent bantam who looms as a new champ was unearthed. The Australian champions beaten were: MAX CARLOS, lightweight champion; GEORGE FLEMMING, featherweight champion; BULL HUGHES, light-heavyweight ruler, and DICK WHITE, bantam king.

Four former amateurs also lost their titles—STEVE RADULY, JOHNNY LECKIE, DAVID FLOYD and WALLY TAYLOR. The hard-hitting bantam is JOHNNY JARRETT.

▶ Johnny Jarrett's form at Sydney Stadium was an eye-opener. Always a shock puncher, Johnny never showed out well against a man who took the fight to him. But, against Dick White for the latter's title, Johnny showed form that astonished. For there is no more consistent bustler than White, the bantam who ran up a string of ten KO wins, including the winning of the title 15 months ago.

Johnny dropped White twice in the first two rounds. White didn't win a round and when he hit the deck in the tenth round after taking a beating, referee Vic Patrick stopped it and crowned a new champion.

On November 22, at Kempsey, Jarrett knocked out DARCY CARR in five rounds in what was a warm-up for White. Johnny has knocked out Carr four times in their five fights.

▶ MAX CARLOS, who won the Australian title from GEORGE BRACKEN in a decision so close that it met with a mixed reception from the packed Melbourne Stadium last July, met George in a third bout at Melbourne. This time, Bracken won on points, to make it two to one in Carlos' favour. The margin was small but definite.

▶ STEVE RADULY, an amateur of some 300 bouts (he stopped TONY MADIGAN earlier in 1958) turned pro at Melbourne. He knocked out Clicker Hallam in the last round of an eight and was promoted to a ten for his next start. In this he knocked out Arnie Winkleman in six.

▶ Another promotion—and this time a big one. He met BULL HUGHES, Australian light-heavyweight champion, in an overweight bout. Steve dominated the fight from the start and although he took one count, he had Bull down and worn out when the referee, Terry Reilly, crowned him in the eighth round at Melbourne.

▶ Fourth champion tossed was GEORGE FLEMMING, who was beaten to a standstill by STEVE NITTIES at Melbourne. Terry Reilly called it a night in the seventh round.

▶ Best prospect since Jimmy Carruthers is DAVID FLOYD, former amateur champion, who turned pro on December 1, at Sydney Stadium. David knocked out Teddy Clarke in the second round and electrified the crowd by his speed, and his power of punch. The punch which stopped the fight was a right to the jaw—and Floyd is a southpaw!

A week later, David saddled up again and flattened Luigi Magnifico in a round—with a right hand.

▶ While on prospects, there is a 19-year-old heavyweight who could be the answer to every promoter's prayer—if he knuckles down to training. His name is PETER BLACKWELL, whom I have seen in all his three fights to date. For his last fight, he took the name of his father, Billy Blackwell, a tough welter of some 25 years ago.

Peter fought a three-rounder first, then met a fit heavy named PUNCHY PARSONS, at Nowra on November 26, whom he stopped in a thrilling contest.

Next, given a ten-rounder on a bill featuring two tens, Blackwell met experienced, but lighter, ALEC ROSS, an improving light-heavy. Ross knew too much for Peter (or Billy, as he was labelled for this contest) and Blackwell didn't have the condition to go ten rounds. (He had trained only two days for the fight.)

But Ross was on the floor in the first round and again in the second before he woke up to the fact that the safest way to fight this wildman is to stay in close but he was getting nowhere when Vic Patrick halted the bout at the end of the seventh and crowned Ross. The bout was held at Sydney, December 8. "I'd like to fight him (Ross) in the street!"

▶ Empire Games featherweight champion, WALLY TAYLOR, had his first taste of professionalism at Mackay, Queensland, in October, and did well to outpoint TONY GALASHO over twelve rounds. Wally will be an acquisition to the featherweight class.

▶ JOHNNY LECKIE, amateur lightweight champ of Australia, has had two pro starts to date, both at Melbourne Stadium. He outpointed Vince Melia and Frank Carotti, over eight and six, respectively.

▶ At Melbourne Stadium middleweight champion, CLIVE STEWART, outpointed AL TIGER WILLIAMS, for the third time, but, although the points margin in Clive's favor was large, he looked jaded. Maybe a rest will do him good.

▶ Over ten at Melbourne, featherweight LES McLEAN looked great in halting DAVE HYLAND in four rounds.

▶ At Broken Hill, ABBIE TRANBY surprised by outpointing FRANKIE BENNETT in a featherweight bout.

On November 26, at Nowra, FRANKIE went under to BRIAN SMITH, a dynamite puncher, in eight rounds. I was referee and I stopped it when Frankie hit the floor. He had been down three times before in the fight.

Bennett is a surprising fellow. Nine days after losing to Smith, he went to Lismore and fought STAN HAYWARD, the NSW State lightweight champion and number three contender for the Australian lightweight title, and Frankie not only went the 15 rounds, but when Hayward was crowned winner, a storm of hoots greeted the decision. Yet Lismore is Hayward's home town and he is a local idol!

▶ BILLY BARNES, brother of George, the Empire welter champion, made a return to the ring after an absence of exactly six years (to the night—December 1) and blasted Lindsay Christian in the second round.

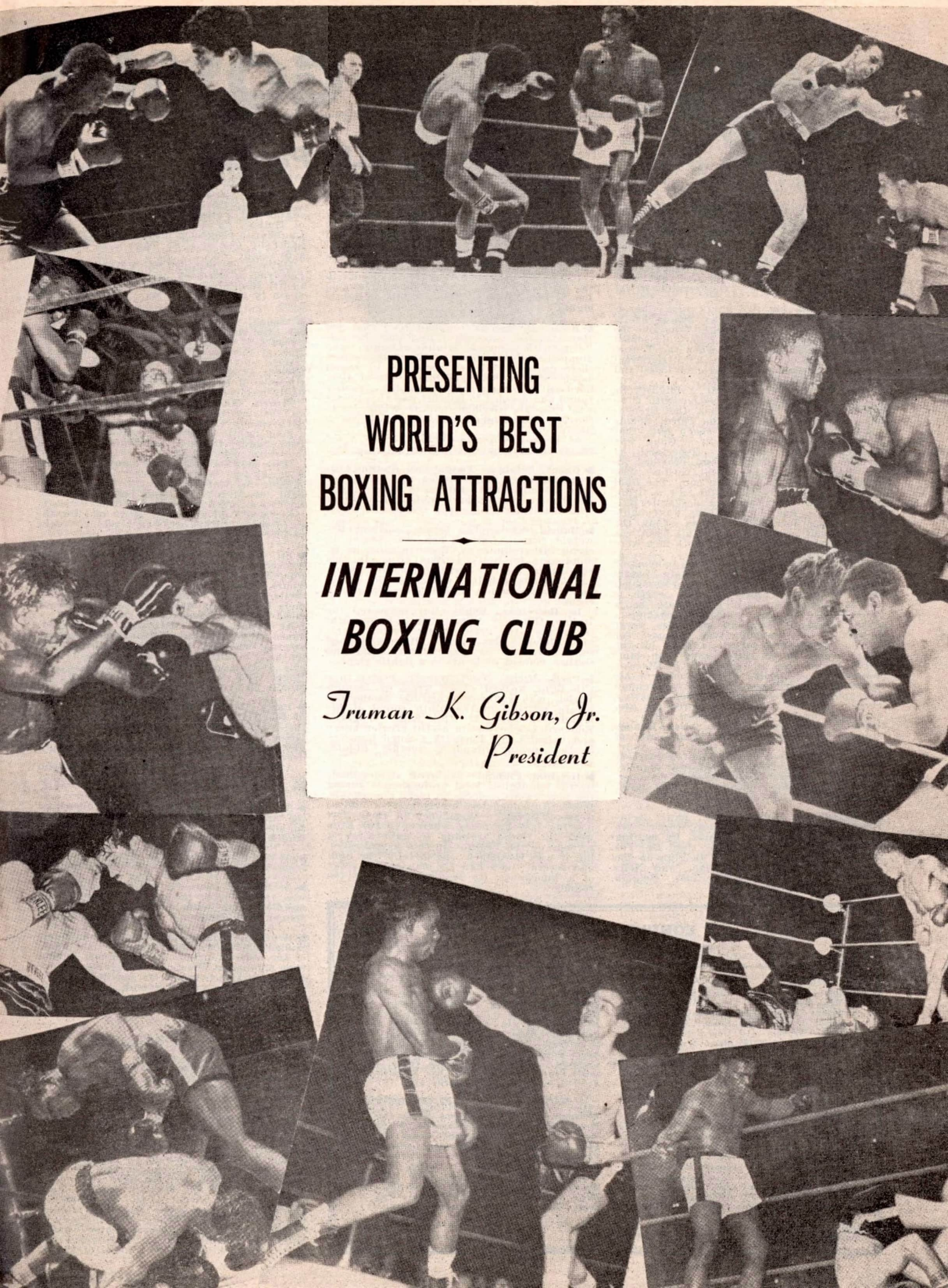
On December 8 he showed outstanding form by halting hard-to-beat welter, BOBBY PIPER, in the last round in the Sydney Stadium.

▶ One of Australia's leading trainer-managers, BILL McCONNELL, has become a promoter and staged his first promotion at the Doncaster Theatre, Kensington (a suburb of Sydney) on December 11. In the main, over ten rounds, KEITH SAUNDERS knocked out NEV BEALE in the sixth round, Welter. The supports featured good bouts and, having his first pro fight was PERCY SANDS, son of Clem Sands and nephew of Dave, Ritchie, George, Alfie and Russell. Percy, weighing 105 pounds, showed good form in winning his bout inside the distance. I am referee of all bouts at Kensington.

▶ At Sydney Stadium, RUSSELL SANDS had his easiest fight when he stopped South African, LOUIS KLOPPER, in eight. Russ was master throughout, but in his next bout was sour, going under to Israel champion lightweight, DAVID OVED. That was at Melbourne on December 12. A cut eye caused a stoppage in the eighth round.

▶ At Sydney Stadium, lightie, ALF O'SULLIVAN did a tradesmanlike job on BRIAN SAMS, Vic Patrick halting it in the seventh. At Melbourne on November 21, Alfie stopped ALF CAREY, also in seven rounds.

▶ All for this month. Next month will give summary of 1958 and ratings. My address is 23 Milburn Rd., Gymea, N.S.W., Australia. Greetings to all RING readers for the festive season.



PRESENTING WORLD'S BEST BOXING ATTRACTIONS

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

ONE of the most remarkable happenings of December was the sudden emergence of Laszlo Papp, whose sensational kayo of the French middles champ, Anewy, set Paris by the ears. Papp stowed away Ellsworth "Spider" Webb in two rounds as a simon-pure and if that is any indication of his class, European middles had best start taking heed. Here are the results of the last month:

▶ **Paris**—Since his two fights with Charles Humez, the name of Gustav Scholz has a definite appeal to French fight fans and the ringside seats at the Sports Palace blossomed once more with celebrities when the Teuton was brought in to tangle with Germinal Ballarin. Attendance was around 15,000 and the gate estimated at £12,000.

Ballarin, who last fought Yvon Durelle in the previous spring, opened up with more spirit than his wont. When the Frenchman charged in during the third, Scholz clipped Ballarin with two sharp lefts that floored Germinal for "eight". Gone was Ballarin's usual hesitancy. Henceforth he bulled in to the German and provided an excellent target for the cool Gustav, who carried the honors until the end. The final stages of this gory encounter saw a tiring Scholz trying to measure a desperate Ballarin for the final blow but he was unable to land it. Several haymakers shook the German badly and by the time his hand was raised in victory at the finish both men were exhausted.

Honors of the night went to an ex-amateur star from beyond the Iron Curtain—Laszlo Papp, 32 years old, in his fifth professional bout. Proof of Papp's cast-iron worth is the fact that after only four bouts, he is capable of tackling a French champion. Francois Anewy, a man who has never fought as an amateur, was dropped for "eight" in the first minute. Anewy hit the canvas again in the third round, but clambered to his feet at "seven". The Magyar veteran moved in like a flash and sent his opponent sprawling once more whereupon the sponge was thrown in from Anewy's corner. Referee Schemann ignored the gesture and counted the Frenchman out.

On the rest of the bill, Aissa Hashas stopped Eveo Chavez in the second heat of a lightie slam, Mohamed Ould iced Andre Granet in the opening round of a feathers discussion and Tregaro whipped Maurice Grignor in a bantam four. Dieter Wemhoner, German lightheavy, outboxed Ahmed Boulgroune in a rather monotonous ten.

▶ **Amsterdam, Holland**—The local lightweight prospect, Jan Nyenkamp, scored a win over the Belgian, Juan Alvarez, by beating him over ten rounds here. Jan De Vos flattened Felix Walgraeve of Belgium in the third round of a welter slam, and Nelis Oostrum outscored Victor Raes, Belgian middleweight, over eight.

▶ **Sassari, Italy**—Horacio Accavallo, Argentine flyweight brought to Europe by manager Branchini, chalked up his second win by outdistancing Giacomo Spano in a good ten-rounder. Accavallo hopes to get Italian nationality and aims eventually to take a tilt at the European title.

Paolo Melis stopped Ferruccio Consorti in the fifth round of a welter slam and Angelo Lei trimmed Remo Viarengo in a lightie eight.

▶ **Rome**—It was an unlucky road that led Hans Ducree of Germany to Rome. He collided with toughie Giulio Rinaldi, who dumped the invader several times before their cruiser affair was stopped in round seven. Franco Scisciani tasted one of Gerhard Moll's heavy rights in the opening round and decided to box his way to a points win over the German middle while Paolo Cipriani trounced Bruno Burlovich in a lightie eight.

At Leghorn—up-and-coming Franco Nenci edged out Annibale Omodei in a lightie ten.

▶ **Ghent, Belgium**—Tough Bob Stevens, national middles king, proved too handy for Jean Ruellet and outfought the rugged Frenchman over ten hard rounds. Bob Roger trimmed Roger Moine in a feathers eight.

▶ **Madrid, Spain**—The former amateur flyweight champ, Luis Gomez, was beaten in eight fast rounds by Raton Osuna in an eliminator for the Castilian title. In two eliminators for the Castilian feathers crown, Lafuente Paya halted Gomez Acebo in six and Elias Vazquez chilled Tito Elguera in eight.

In Barcelona, Bobby Ros outscored the Italian, Giuseppe Marotto, in a lightweight ten at the Gran Price, thus reversing a previous defeat. Diaz Oporto, 121, was stopped in two rounds by Jose Merayo, 128, and Guillen nodded Al Rodri in a lightie eight.

▶ **Paris**—Michel Diouf, recently beaten in a title fight, worked off his wrath on Jacques Barlet, who suffered a terrible hammering before retiring in the ninth round of his middles contest at the Salle Wagram. Edouard Lewko was in a still greater hurry and halted Louis Luchetti, a noted puncher, in the opening round of another middles affair.

▶ **Helsinki, Finland**—The great strides made by the handful of local professionals during the past twelve months is truly remarkable. Pekka Kokkonen lost nearly every round to Germany's Dieter Wemhoner in their first meeting last February whereupon the Finn went into solid training to gain a sweet revenge on the Teuton. In this second meeting it was Kokkonen who dictated the fight and several times had his man on the verge of a knockout. He won clearly over ten rounds.

Pentti Hamalainen didn't have it so easy, edging out a disputed win over Sugar Ray of Holland in a bantam ten while Risto Luukkonen confirmed his high rating in this paper by pasting Jose Ogazon of Spain in a flyweight ten.

Ilkka Koski pounded out a win over Hans Friedrich of Germany in a crude heavies six. Pentti Rautiainen defeated Jose Cadalso of Spain in a lightweight six. Attendance was 7,000.

▶ **Vienna, Austria**—The main attraction at the City Hall was a heavyweight affair between Ulli Ritter of Germany and Maurice Mols of France. This all-foreign billing attracted only 5,000 fans. Ritter, 205, did not have it as easy as he expected against the ringwise Mols, 204, and his points win was badly received by the crowd.

Ziyaris Taki, formerly of Turkey but now an Austrian, was lucky to split the decision with speedy Conny Rudhoff of Germany in a good lightie eight and Leo Potesil stopped Dino Sanna, Italy, in the fourth heat of a one-sided welter slam.

Ernie Melchior, 165, of Germany gave promising Alfredo Wogrig a nasty shock by returning the Italian's fire with interest. The fight waxed in fury, both battlers visiting the canvas, until Wogrig retired in the sixth.

Gerhard Topf and Alois Maxa met for the third time, on this occasion reaching a split verdict in a feathers six.

▶ **St. Quentin, France**—Paul Roux, local cruiser, edged further up the ladder by whipping Jacques Bro over ten rounds while at **Tours**, Maurice Auzel took a holiday from Switzerland by beating the Spaniard, Carmelo Beraza, in a welter ten. Jean Guerrard laced Giacomo Spano in a flyweight ten.

At Lyons, Andre Vairolatto had his advance halted by Sergio Milan, Italian feathers veteran, who held the local to a draw after ten hard rounds. Paul Schiller nodded Francois Delannoy in a heavyweight six and Roger Vinot stopped Imam Fattah, Egyptian middle, in five.

▶ **Paris, At Lancry Arena**—The semi-finals of the welter tourney took place, in which the Norman, Gilbert Souday, surprised by lacing Jeanpierre Pommier and Andre Scheppler bested veteran Andre Mauguin, both over ten rounds.

At the Central, Antonio Lopez Durban won his first bout on French soil by edging out Ray Benard in a bantam eight.

▶ **At Blois**—Gilbert Chapron easily outscored the American cruiser, Lew Perry, over ten rounds while Michel Adamy nodded Ceslaw Dudek in a middles eight.

▶ **At St. Lo**—Pierre Rossi won a close one from Michel Lamora in a flyweight ten.

▶ **At Biarritz**—Gerhard Van Eyk of Holland was ruled out in the seventh frame of his middles scrap with Andre Drille for persistent irregularities.

▶ **Brussels, Belgium**—A crowd of 3,000 attended the Sports Palace to watch the finals of the welter tourney. All foreigners having been eliminated, Pierre Wouters disputed the honors with Carl van Neste and defeated the youngster over twelve rounds. Bob Roger trimmed Hans Gronen, German feather, over eight and Jean Paternotte beat Maurice Flaba in a lightie ten.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland**—Andre Davier, rising French welter, called in here to outscore the Italian veteran, Ernesto Ballabio, over ten rounds. Gastone Casarico evened the score for Italy by trouncing Deme Mamadou, Franco-Greek feather, over six rounds.

At **Neuchateau**, Bruno Bernardinello, Italian middle, outfought the only Swiss professional, Hermann Schweizer, over eight rounds.

▶ **Munich, Germany**—The fame of Gustav Scholz drew 4,500 fans to the **Bavaria Hall** but did the promotor no service. His bout with Ballarin was but ten days off and he allowed himself no luxuries against Tuzo Portuguez of Costa Rica. He marched straight into Tuzo with his right jabbing home. Portuguez retreated fast but Scholz cornered him and slammed three savage lefts to the Latin's head. Tuzo collapsed and was counted out after 100 seconds of action.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(MONTH ENDING JANUARY 26, 1959)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Bruno Visintin (I)
2. Mino Bozzano (I)	Sante Amonti (I)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
3. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Stefan Redl (G)
4. Albert Westphal (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Fortunato Manca (I)
5. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Dom Baccheschi (I)	Peter Muller (G)	Jacques Herbillon (F)
6. Massimo Zanaboni (I)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Ben Buker II (S)
7. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Leen Jansen (H)	Andre Drille (F)	Chris Christensen (D)
8. Ulli Ritter (G)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
9. Mario De Persio (I)	Dieter Wemhoner (G)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Piet Van Klaveren (H)
10. Ilkka Koski (FN)	Yao Kouane (F)	Francois Anewy (F)	Maurice Auzel (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Sergion Caprari (I)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Piero Rollo (I)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)
3. Lahouri Godhi (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Jean Guerrard (F)
4. Fred Galiana (S)	Giordano Campari (I)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Francisco Carreno (S)
5. Guy Gracia (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Pentti Hamalainen (FN)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
6. Bobby Ros (S)	Andre Valignat (F)	Eugene Le Cozanet (F)	Jose Ogazon (S)
7. Victor Pepeder (F)	Letterio Petilli (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Edgar Basel (G)
8. Epiphane Akono (F)	Jose L. Martinez (S)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Rene Libeer (F)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)	Ray Nobile (I)	Roger Cappato (F)	Pierre Rossi (F)
10. Felix Chiocca (F)	Louis Poncy (F)	Sugar Ray (H)	Salvatore Burruni (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

including the count. Ossi Buttner, 197, outthumped Michel Lapourielle, 214, of France in eight and Ulli Nitzschke, 194, stopped Horst Herold in two. Karl Mildenberger, 176, indulged in a regular slugging-bee with Jose Echevarria of Spain, 176, which ended with Mildenberger a close winner over eight rounds while Horst Borzoskowski, 156, beat Ali Belkacem of Algeria in six.

▶ **Marseilles, France**—It was gala day for Corsicans when Gracieux Lamperti tangled with Felix Chiocca at the Sports Palace. Lamperti came in at 129 against Chiocca's 134, and it was Lamperti's speedy footwork and rapid punching which copped him a close decision after ten furious rounds.

On the same bill, attended by 4,000 fans, Antoine Martin trimmed Jose Crespo, Spanish feather, in 10, Paul Vetroff nodded Rene Beolet in a bantam eight and Jean Centa edged Robert Lallemand in another bantam eight.

▶ **Las Palmas, Spain**—At the capital of the Canary Islands, Ben Buker II outfought the local welter prospect, Jose Ungidos, over eight rounds. Ungidos has only disputed some three or four pro bouts.

▶ **In Madrid**—Jose Luis Martinez, national feathers champ, was held to a draw by young Ricardo Navarro in an excellent ten round affair. The best bout on the card, however, was the lightweight scrap between Frank Garcia and Perez Artero, won by the former over ten rounds.

Florentino Martin stopped Bernal in the fourth heat of a middles clash and Raton Osuna nodded Josan in a flyweight eight.

▶ **Abidjan, West Africa**—The steamy climate of the "White Man's Grave" did not bring rugged Charles Colin to his knees when he elected to defend his French cruiser title against Yao Kouame in the latter's own bailiwick. The blond Breton was outboxed by the speedy African in the early rounds but by the sixth he had obtained control of the bout. Despite a badly cut eye, Colin forged forward until he was able to nail his challenger during the eleventh round. Kouame was floored but was up at "7", only to collapse a moment later.

Jules Touan bit off more than he could chew when he decided to mix it with tearaway Andre Valignat and was lucky to obtain a draw. Attendance was 7,000.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain**—Jose Mardaras missed several chances of finishing off Michel Aubignat of France and had to be content with a points win in their heavyweight ten. Victoriano Olivares handed a setback to Garcia Hidalgo, whipping the youngster in a cruiser eight while Luis Folledo licked Ahmed Hamida in a welter eight. Ibanez stopped Pololo in the third heat of a welter debate.

▶ **Hamburg, Germany**—Willi Hoepner, 35-year old cruiser veteran, came to the end of a long road at the Ernst Merck Hall when he was shorn of his European and German cruiser titles by young Erich Schoppner. But he went down with colors flying. Schoppner dropped him in the fourth with a well-timed right hook. Up at "8", Hoepner weathered the rest of the round but ran into further trouble in the fifth, when a storm of punches sent him down once more. On his feet at "8", the champ was again overwhelmed by a fierce attack and the third man halted proceedings. Hoepner announced his retirement after the bout, which was his 62nd outing, thus ending a career which began with his upset win over Lloyd Marshall back in 1950.

Hans Wohlers added nothing to his prestige by beating Ali Amrane, 160, who lasted the ten rounds and thus retains his proud boast of never having been k.o. in some ten years campaigning.

Harry Kurschat, 138, stopped Claude Richard in three, Manfred Haas, 159, halted Michel Le Riguier in four and Harry Mistol, 150, trounced Roland Goujon, 141, over six. Helmut Ball, 174, was far too heavy for Gerhard Moll, generally a light middleweight, who came in at 166 and suffered heavy punishment before his corner surrendered in round five. The gate was 7000.

▶ **Paris—At the Lancry Arena,** Sauveur Benamou was lucky to get the nod over Prieto Castrillo, tough little Spaniard based on Paris, after a level lightie ten. Ray Delorme beat Deledique in a welter eight.

At the Central—Pierre Renoult did well to stop Cyprien Carrie in the fourth of a lightie slam.

▶ **At Auxi-le-Chateau**—Rene Brunet trimmed Colombies in a welter eight and Francois Delannoy whipped Ray Escolivet in a heavies six.

Franco Cavicchi, former European heavyweight champion, who defeated Alain Cherville in his last start, a mauling ten round decision, a battle of attrition.

▶ **At Besancon**—Michel Lombardet had no trouble in disposing of Pierre Mondino, in the fifth round of their welter dispute. Jean Ullmann drew with Aurousseau in a welter eight. Jacques Belon retained his undefeated tag by stopping Rene Nanquette in the fourth heat of a middles clash at **Dinan.**

▶ **Turin, Italy**—Only 4,000 spectators turned up to watch Duilio Loi fight young Conny Rudhoff of Germany here but the visitor proved a tougher foe than was expected. Loi dropped the German in the eighth for a brief count and won handily over ten rounds.

Bruno Fortilli outscored Louis Trochon of France in a middles eight.

▶ **In Milan,** Plinio Scarabellin obliged Gunter Huber, German cruiser, to retire in the sixth round.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland**—Epiphane Akono, the Senegalese Slasher, was far too strong for his Italian foe, Renato Giacche, a welter, who was forced to retire in the ninth round after taking a shellacing.

▶ **Stuttgart, Germany**—Peter Muller drew 3,500 fans to the Killesberg arena where he tangled with Jo Janssens for the fourth time. Muller, 154, boxed at a distance for a few rounds but began to move in on the Belgian during the fifth. He kept up the hammering in the sixth round and Janssens suddenly raised his arm in token of surrender.

Si Mohammed butchered Alfred Schweer in a feathers slam and forced the German's corner to sling in the towel during the sixth and another Algerian, Ali Belkacem, 153, was knocked out in the opening round of his bout with Rolf Peters.

Karl Mildenberger, 178, won from Andre Wyns, 188, in a rugged six-rounder. Karl Wagner stopped Hans Hafner in the second heat of a welter bout and Gunter Hase flattened modest Werner Munch, 153, in one. Walter Haufft, 204, did well to share the honors with Werner Walloschek, 219, over four rounds.

▶ **Toulouse, France**—A trio of Spaniards did fairly well here against French battlers, with promising Diego Infantes crushing Simon Sorriano in the fifth of a welter engagement and Frank Garcia obtaining a draw against Roger Prigent, who had his foe on the canvas during the seventh. Louis Mourros had his hands full with Fred Lorence in a cruiser slam but the Spaniard slipped over in the third round and was so badly stunned that the bout was stopped.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain**—Bobby Ros successfully defended his national lightweight title, whipping Chato Ramos via the points route over twelve rounds. On the same card, Mimun Ben Ali, classy Moroccan flyweight, outscored Henri Schmid of France over ten rounds.

▶ **St. Malo, France**—Abel Soudan, powerful Belgian middle, is a problem for promotors. When he's quoted favorite he gets beaten, generally before the limit and that has happened in his last two fights. So there appeared to be no great danger in bringing him against Jacques Dugenie, currently being groomed for a title-shot. Soudan carried the fight to the Frenchman and dropped him twice in the second round. Soudan belted him a third time and sent Jacques floorwards whereup the ref halted operations.

▶ **At Villefranche,** Roger Atlan drew with Jimmy Ponceblanc in a middles eight and Camparini, Italian feather, stopped Salah Amari in two.

▶ **Paris**—Ahmed Sebane, former amateur champ, carried too many guns for highly-touted Ray Delorme and stopped the Parisian in th tenth of a torrid welter scrap at Lancry Arena. Pierre Leblond made his pro debut a success by whipping hitherto unbeaten Michel Atlan in a bantam four and Mohamed Beghadi iced Jacques Ilari in the first heat of a feathers discussion.

▶ **At the Central,** Jo N'Gan, welter from the Cameroons, scored over Jo Pesenti in eight.

At **Pau,** Armand Meyer upset Assane Samba by lacing the negro welter over ten.

▶ **Rome, Italy**—At the Sports Palace, Charly Douglas surprised by gaining the decision over the ex-amateur star, Franco Nenci, in a lightie ten and Joe Rafiu King was equally impressive in whipping wily Letterio Petilli in a feathers ten.

▶ **Bologna, Italy**—Massimo Zanaboni was overweight and disappointing against veteran Uber Bacilieri, whom he nevertheless whipped easily in a heavies ten while Bruno Ravaglia nodded Pasquale Di Martino in a welter eight.

▶ **In Venice**—The younger Scarabellin, Plinio, scored his twelfth consecutive win before the limit by stopping Fabio Tavolazzi in the fifth of a cruiser clash. Fernand Nollet shared the verdict with Germano Cavalieri after a fast lightie ten which most thought had gone to the maestro from Martinique. Ivanotombolini drew with Attidoro Polidori in a feathers eight.

▶ **Paris**—At the Salle Wagram, Felix Chiocca was defeated by Manuel Sosa in a hard lightweight ten in which the champ's crown was not at stake.

Charles Sylla, from Senegal, trimmed Mohamed Meftah in a bantam ten.

Equally surprising was the result of the final eliminator fought at Bordeaux, where Epiphane Akono tangled with Victor Pepeder for the right to challenge Felix Chiocca. It was hard-bitten gory affair. Pepeder was warned for butting in the fourth, which cost him the round but also encumbered Akono with a split eyebrow. Pepeder received a very disputed verdict after twelve rounds.

▶ **At Agen**—Cornella drew with Francois Delannoy in a heavies six.

▶ **Cagliari, Italy**—Horacio Accavallol, Argentine flyweight star, outfought clever Francisco Carreno here over ten fast rounds while Fortunato Manca continued unbeaten by trouncing Michel Francois of France in a welter ten.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—The Sports Palace was, as usual the scene of top-rate program on Boxing Day but for once without Duilio Loi on the bill. Main draw was the European title bout between Emilio Marconi and Jacques Herbillon for the crown which Waterman surrendered earlier in the year. Both men are in the veteran stage and so the bout lacked color but Marconi won handily, despite three warnings during the contest. Herbillon, known as the Pale Puncher, had his nose broken in the third round, which cramped his style.

On the same program, Mario Vecchiatto scored his thirteenth win in 1958 by copping a doubtful decision over Fernand Nollet in a lightie ten while Rocco Mazzola licked Jacques Bro in a cruiser eight.

Bandoria stopped Jean Michaud in the sixth of a middles affair, and Amati, promising cruiser, trimmed Biggiogero over six.

▶ **Rome Italy**—Teddy Wright was more like his old self against rugged Fernando Spallotta, coming in at 152 against the Italian's 160, Spalotta marched forward as at their last meeting but this time the American had the answer and gave Fernando a regular boxing lesson to win over ten rounds.

Sante Amonti, 21-year old cruiser comer, copped the national title by stopping Domenico Baccheschi in the eleventh round of a gory and desperate battle. Amonti remains unbeaten in 24 starts. Charley Douglas stopped Elio Busetto in the sixth heat of a lightie scrap.

At Bologna, Franco Cavicchi won a mauling ten from Alain Cherville, Belgian heavy, and Umberto Vernaglione did well to edge out Sixto Tiselli, another visitor from the Argentine, in a welter ten.

The contest was a hard fought mauling bout.

IN LATIN AMERICA

NEWS FROM CUBA
By A. Jonge A. Vientes

NINO VALDES WAS SELECTED IN A newspaper poll as the athlete of the year in Cuba.

▶ Havana—Florentino Fernandez, 22 year old Santiago de Cuba boy, scored his 17th victory in as many bouts and his fourteenth knockout. This also was his eleventh kayo in a row. He stopped Alberto (Indian) Bisbe, 140¼, in the third round. The Indian was down five times all-told.

Kid Fichique, 146½, defeated Miguel Diaz, 148¾, by a split decision, in ten rounds.

Reinero (Rey) Lopez, 197, Olympic Champion, made a good impression in his pro debut when he stopped Hilario Sabas, 174¾, in the first round. Gil Pinera, 130¼, won in four from Israel Napoles, 132½, and Orestes Ciesneros, 132, drew with Jesus Hernandez, 134, in four.

▶ Havana—Santiago Martinez, 124¾, No. 1 featherweight contender, stopped Memo Baltazares, Mexico, 127, in the sixth. Urtimio Ramos, 126¾, stopped Mexican Tonio Coria, 124½, in the third. Pedro La Barrere, 136, stopped Emilio Leferte, 136¾, in the second round. William Roncourt, 118½, won in four from Jose Diaz, 118, and Reinaldo Muro, 153¾, drew in four with Martin Reyes, 158½.

▶ Havana—Cuban featherweight champion, Martin Rodriguez, 126¼, scored two knockdowns and defeated Canadian Pete Kawala, 127¾, in ten rounds. Baby Colon, 154¼ stopped Sal Fuentes, in the eighth round after dropping him in the first. Fuentes weighed 154¼.

▶ Jorge Nunez, 120¾, won in four from Roberto Cordero, 120¾. Another undefeated boy, Ignacio Perez, 118, won in four from Estaban Sanchez, 117½, and Isaac Espinosa, 134¾, stopped Pablo Torres, 137, in the second.

▶ Havana—Orlando Castillo, 126½, came up from the floor in the third round and succeeded in getting a ten round draw with Mexican Angel Guerrero, 127. Douglas Vaillant, 132, won a close split decision in ten from another Mexican, Alfredo Urbina, 134¾.

Juan Campoy, 147, stopped Lazaro Hernandez Kessell, 142, in the sixth round. Claudo Ferreiro, 122, stopped Celio Molina, 119½, in three and Diwaldo Ventosa, 132¾, drew in four with Euripides Guerrera, 132¾.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

CHETUMAL, QRRO: WENCESLAO "ZURDO" SANCHEZ, 122, on a big upset, decisioned Negrito Medina, 125, after ten good rounds. Both kids are from Yucatan.

▶ GUADALAJARA, JAL: Mexican Featherweight King Victor Manuel Quijano, of Yucatan, bested American Leroy "Casey" Jones, 126, in ten dull rounds.

BOXING IN URUGUAY
By Mario Laplume

PALACIO PENAROL: FRANCISCO GOMEZ (ARG. 60K.) KAYOED ROBERTO REBOLLO (Urug. 60k.) in 5. Ramon Torena (Urug. 61k.) decisioned Anselmo Silva (Arg. 60k.) in 6. Miguel Rodriguez (Urug. 71k300) decisioned Walter Romero (Arg. 70k) in 10.

Juan B. Burgues (Urg. 78k.300) drew with "Sugar" Boy Nando (Dutch 71k600) in 10.

▶ Palacio Penarol: Victor H. Fereyra (Urug. 73k700) decisioned Aldo Garcia (Ar. 72k300) in 6. Wencelao Rodriguez (Arg. 62k200) was kayoed by his fellow citizen Tito Gomez (60k400) in 5.

Isaias Verdun (Urug. 58k.) decisioned Guillermo Mendioza (Arg. 58k500) in 8. Miguel Salazar (Ar. 66k500) kayoed the local idol Omar Pereyra (Urug. 65k700) in 6. The fans, infuriated at the fall of the Uruguayan, lost all control and produced a spectacular riot which sent many people to the police station and several to the hospital, with damages estimated at Pesos 5,000.

▶ Palacio Penarol: Hector Suarez (Urug. 58k600) decisioned Juan C. Quiroga (Arg. 58k500) in 6. Americo Lopez (Urug. 57k100) kayoed Oscar More (Arg. 56k100) in 2.

Panama featherweight champion Jesus Santamaria who is undefeated in 17 pro bouts and lists Isidro Martinez, Melvin Bourne, Prince Johnson, Huesito Gonzalez and Rodolfo Francis among his victims.

Amaro Acosta (Uurg. 61k200) decisioned Eduardo Monti (Arg. 61k200) in 10. Carlos Miranda (Arg. 50k.) decisioned Julio Buggione (Arg. 47k500) in 10.

▶ Palacio Penarol: Ruben Villar (Urg. 62k.) kayoed Juan Sibona (Arg. 60k) in 6. Juan C. Comini (Urug. 78k500) kayoed Ruben Prieto (Arg. 72k500) in 5.

Uruguayan Flyweight Championship: Jupiter Mansilla (Urug. 50k200) kayoed the defending champion Waldemiro Torres (50 k.) in 9.

▶ Palacio Penarol: Rinaldo Ansaloni (Argentinian) kayoed fellow citizen and stablemate, Ricardo Gonzalez in two rounds.

▶ Our lightweight hope, Eulogio Caballero, was decisioned by Sergio Salvia (Chilean) in 10 rounds, at Santiago de Chile.

BOXING IN JUAREZ
By Manuel A. Prieto

JUAREZ AUDITORIUM; David Cervantes, 146 Cd. Juarez, won in a hard fight over Davey Dupas, 144½ New Orleans. David used a good left hook to the body to slow down his man who was groggy in the ninth and tenth rounds.

Al Melendez, 136½ Juarez, won by T.K.O. in the 4 over Ramon Rodriguez from Juarez and the same weight. Al proved to be by far the best man on the ring.

Manuel (Berrios) Coronado, 125 Sonora, decisioned in six rounds Cosme Rodriguez, 124 Juarez. Rogelio Cortes, 124, won by K.O. in four over Rodrigo Cisneros, 123 Juarez. Pastor Valdez, 128, Juarez, decision over Jesus Mendiola, 127 Juarez.

▶ **CHIHUAHUA BULL RING, Chihuahua City;** Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 123 Chihuahua City, scored a ten round decision over Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 120, Torreon, in a terrific scrap. Galvan displayed great courage, but was at the short end all the fight.

Chano Barrientos, 140 Torreon, won decision over Raul Anchondo, 138, Chihuahua City, in the ten round semi-windup.

▶ **JUAREZ AUDITORIUM;** Ray Terrazas, 146 El Paso, won a unanimous decision over Jack Flores, 145 El Paso in ten rounds. Flores was a tough opponent for the veteran Terrazas, this was his first ten round bout.

Rogelio Diaz de Leon (Ray de Leon), 124 San Louis Potosi, won by K.O. over Fidel Banuelos, 125 Tijuana, in the six round semi-final. A terrific body attack put Banuelos down for the full count in the sixth.

Juan Valles, 137 Juarez, won over Bobby Garcia, 138 El Paso, in four. Raul Duran, 124 Juarez, had too much experience for Tony Martinez, 126 Juarez, winning by K.O. in 1. Emilio Medina, 126 Juarez, won by K.O. in four over Tony Medina, 125, Juarez, no relation.

▶ **EL PASO TEXAS COLISEUM;** Loudie Lightburn, 138 British Honduras, won a close decision over L. C. Morgan, 138 Youngstown, Ohio, in one of the best fights ever staged in this town. Both boys started fast and at the end of the fight both were looking for a K.O. win.

In the eighth Morgan was down for an eight count, but right away was Louidie nailed with a terrific right cross and down he went, barely beating the count. Was a thriller all the way. The decision was close and split.

Joe Shaw, 125, Los Angeles, had too many guns for young Carlos Ayala, 128, Mexico City, winning by K.O in the 6th

Freddie Rodriguez, 124, El Paso, won decision over Emilio Medina, 125, Juarez. Pete Ruiz, 144 El Paso, won decision over Leon Strickland, 142, Phoenix in four Ricardo Lara, 119, El Paso, won by K.O. in two over Sammy Andrade, 122, Juarez.

▶ **MONUMENTAL BULL RING;** Alfredo Zuany, 198, Juarez, scored the most important victory in his career winning a unanimous decision over veteran Bob Baker, 217, Pittsburgh, in ten rounds before more than 7,500 fans at the huge Juarez Bull Ring.

Zuany had his best moments in the fourth and fifth rounds, but he had to stage a rally in the tenth in order to clinch the close verdict. Baker was in very good shape, coming fine in the six, seven and eight rounds. Both fighters were cut over the nose, and sustained puffed eyes.

Al Melendez, 137 Juarez, showed a great improvement winning by K.O. over Juan Valles, 137 Juarez, in the very first round. This was a stunning end, a terrific right cross put the end.

Edmundo Esparza, 116 Juarez, scored a K.O. over Raul "Raton" Veloz, 114 Mexico City, in the second round. Rogelio Cortez, 125 Juarez, won by K.O. in the first over veteran Sal Fierro, 128 Juarez. Pastor Valdez, 128 Juarez, draw with Blas Cosa, 126 Juarez, 4.

▶ **JUAREZ AUDITORIUM;** Henry Gutierrez, 139 Deming, won by K.O. over Luke Sandoval, 133 Los Angeles, in the third. Luke was no match for the more stronger and tough blond bomber from Deming.

Claudio Adame, 126 Gomez Palacio, won by T.K.O. over Rogelio Diaz de Leon (Ray de Leon), 126 San Luis Potosi, in four rounds. Was a short but very exciting fight, Claudio looked very impressive.

Rogelio Cortes, 124 Juarez, won decision over Freddie Rodriguez, 123 El Paso in four. Justo Mendez, 138 Deming, decision over veteran Chico Gomez, 134 Chihuahua City in four. Jorge Velazquez, 123, Juarez, decission over Mando Montoya, 125, El Paso, 4.

▶ **JUAREZ AUDITORIUM;** Reyborn Stubbs, 146 Pittsburgh, had too much speed and power for Gilberto Holguin, 144 El Paso, stopping the brave El Paso's boy in the sixth round. Stubbs was sharp and soon found the target with a fast left hand, by the fifth Holguin had a closed-eye and a cut, the referee stopped the one side fight.

Ray Terrazas, 146, El Paso, won by K.O. in the sixth over Percy Bradley, 145, Los Angeles in a dull fight.

Al Melendez, 137, Juarez, scored another one round K.O. winning over Rolly Kline, 132, Los Angeles. The fighter from L.A. was no match for the good prospect.

Eduardo Santos, 119, Juarez, won by K.O. over Nacho Paredes, 119, Mexico City, in the fifth round. Miguel Perez, 137, Juarez, won by K.O. in the first over Bobby Garcia, 139, El Paso.

▶ The sportwriters of the Border held a dinner, in order to make the selections for 1958.

Alfredo Zuany, the young heavyweight from this area, was named "The Best Main Event Fighter of 1958" after his brilliant campaign in Juarez and the United States. Al Melendez was named the "Best Preliminary Fighter of 1958." Both boys will get trophies.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ONLY THREE BOXING SHOWS WERE STAGED IN LA LAGUNA DURING THE MONTH and both of them at the Arena "Olimpica" of Gomez Palacio, under the promotion of Manuel Mateos and Mel Dipp. Promoter Enrique Lutterroth—Plaza de Toros "Torreon"—interrupted his cards till Winter is over.

▶ Chucho Hernandez, 117, Mexico City newcomer, only needed but three rounds to stop tough and rough Cain Rogero, 122. Bernardo de la Cruz, 119, also from Mexico City, halted Rafael Hernandez, 118, in the sixth. Miguel Orona, 128, bested Javier Puentes, 129, in eight. Roberto Ovalle, 117, kayoed Javier Rodriguez, 118, in the fourth. Poncho Garcia Gress, 126, and Pilo Moreno, 125, drew in four rounds.

▶Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 116, Flyweight Champion of La Laguna, scored his most valuable triumph when he floored six times Raul Leanos, 118, Bantamweight King of our town, to KO him in the fifth. Old Juan Leanos' brother was unable to sneak away the little Goyo's left hooks.

Facundo Martinez, 129, also kayoed Sabino Mendez, 119, in five rounds. Jorge Gonzalez, 128, easily decisioned Juan Viesca, 127, in eight. Salvador Guerrero, 117, outpointed Julian Saucedo, 118, in six. Freddie Garcia, 118, bested Lupe Sanchez, 119, in the 4-round preliminary bout.

▶Cain Rogero, 121, tough and strong, got a very split duke over Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 117, after 10 well fought rounds. Feliciano "Chano" Barrientos, 128, stopped Hector Ramirez, 126, in the eighth. Jesus "Chuca" Rodriguez, 130, and Carlos Rios, 129, drew in eight. Napoleon DeLaFuente, 125, halted Alfonso Garcia Gress, 126, in the very first round. Tony Becerra, 119, stopped Freddie Garcia, 119, in three.

▶MOCHIS:—Eddie Larranaga, 126, knocked out Joel Marquez, 125, in the eighth. Joe Valdez, 119, halted Raton Diaz, 120, in the first round.

▶GUAYMAS:—Joey Arias, 126, outscored Gerardo Zepeda or Cepeda, 121, in ten. Paulino Nunez, 125, bested Young Casanovita, 123, in eight rounds.

▶TAMPICO:—Ezequiel "Chicles" Uribe, 137, was too much wise for Jose Arguelles, 144, and the Mexico City lightweight topnotcher halted Jose in eight rolls.

▶GUAYMAS:—Busy little one Grillito Aguilar, 123, decisioned Hector "Chango" Ceballos, 122, in ten rounds. Joey Arias, 126, halted Tony Corrales, 130, in seven.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Alberto Martinez, 122, bested Chamaco Figueroa, 119, in ten fast rounds.

▶HERMOSILLO:—Frankie Bratton or Frankie Jones—who knows?—145, kayoed Charley Sylva, 145, in three rounds. Hector "Chango" Ceballos, 122, outpointed Frankie Soto, 124, in ten. Joey Arias, 126, halted Paco Soto, 127, in the fourth.

▶REYNOSA:—Battling Torres, 132, the Frontier Tornado, scored another kayo triumph when he demolished Henry Macias, 131, in five rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Tlaxcala Golden Boy, handsome Mauro Vazquez, 136, put Chucho Mejia, 133, to sleep in five rounds after floored him two times. David Gamacho, 133, stopped Cisco Kid, 135, in the seventh. Gildo Vargas, 117, beat Arturo Vazquez, 116, in ten rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Alfredo "Al" Urbina, 133, got the 10-round duke over Sergio Gomez, 131. Alex Arenas, 125, kayoed Chamaco Flores, 124, in the second round.

▶MEXICALI:—Felix "Pelon" Cervantes, 128, defeated Noel Humphreys, 128, in ten. Noel was on the canvas two times. Roberto Pena, 154, bested Freddie Montor, 154, in the 10-round semi.

▶OBREGON:—Cowboy Ruddy Corona, 119, only needed 12 seconds of the first round to send Sammy Serrano, 118, to the Kayo Paradise. Al Mendoza, 150, and Manny Ortega, 153, drew in ten.

▶TAPACHULA:—Juanito Ramirez, 126, outpointed Luis "Queretaro" Trejo, 127, in ten rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Victor Manuel Quijano, 129, National Featherweight Champion, defeated Casey Jones, 128, San Francisco, in ten fast rounds. Angel Coronado, 118, kayoed Chatito Ochoa, 117, in the fourth. Alberto Martinez, 121, stopped Monito Hernandez, 118, in nine.

▶MONTERREY:—Rafael "Battling" Torres, 130, halted Billy Peacock, 126, in the fifth after floored him three times. Panchito Saldivar, 117, kayoed Erasmo Sanchez, 118, in three rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Adrian Rojas, 121, outscored Efrain Quintana, 124, in ten. Juan Ibarez, 119, bested, Gustavo Sosa, 118, in eight rounds.

▶HERMOSILLO:—Veteran Paulino Montes, 140, halted Camilo Flores, 140, in the tenth roll. Frank Casanova, 128, defeated Tony Corrales, 129, in ten.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Kid Anahuac, 128, stopped Al Wilcher, 126, in two rounds. Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 117, kayoed Marcelo Gonzalez, 120, in the fourth. Nacho Kid, 125, and Jesus Celes, 127, drew in ten rounds.

▶COLIMA:—Jesus Oliva, 130, outscored Luis "Indio" Conde, 130, in ten.

▶GUASAVE:—Pedro "Huesitos" Gonzalez, Cuban, 125, knocked out Avelino Felix, 120, at 1:20 of the first round. Joe Valdez, 119, outpointed Pastorcito Gonzalez, 118, in ten.

▶IRAPUATO:—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 118, National Bantamweight Champ and one of the high ranked men in THE RING, floored four times Torito Jimenez, 117, and he finally kayoed him in the third. Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 148, stopped Roberto Pinon, 143, in the seventh.

▶ACAPULCO:—Saul Becerril, 116, won by disqualification over Jose Oliva, 118, Cuba, in the seventh round. Torito Navarrete, 120, knocked out Pollero Garcia, 119, in two rounds.

▶COLIMA:—Angel Coronado, 119, outpointed Torito Mota, 118, in ten.

▶HERMOSILLO:—Arnoldo Gil, 145, arose from the canvas in the third round, to handle L. C. (Langston Carl) Morgan, 144, and to get a very valuable 10-round decision triumph. Frank Casanova, 128, outpointed Tony Corrales, 129, in the other tener.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

BUENOS AIRES—AT THE LUNA PARK RING, THE GOOD PROSPECT in the middle division Farid Salim stopped Marcelo Videla in the tenth round. Juan Carlos Ducay, welter, kayoed in 6th round, Ramon Veron.

▶ROSARIO.—For the local feather title, Alfredo Bunetta—ex-Argentine champion, halted Pedro Miranda in ten.

▶SAN LUIS.—Argentine and South-American champion in the bantam division Ernesto Miranda, won T.K.O. in 5th, over Jose Salvatierra.

▶CORBODA.—At the "Cordoba Sport" ring, "Furia" Derado, won T.K.O. in 6th, Arnoldo Manrique.

▶LA PLATA.—In the first bout of the night, Alberto Billaflor welterweight decisioned in 10 rounds Miguel Salteno; Julio Camino over the Uruguayo middle Carlos Piriz Pintado in 10 rounds, and Alberto Jabid, drew in 10 with Arturo Gonzalez.

▶SAN JUAN.—The good prospect in the light division Humberto Barbato won in 10 rounds over Horacio Rivero.—Receipts: $20,545.

▶MAR DEL PLATA.—In the light division and at the "Bristol" ring Ignacio Aguilera kayoed in first round over the local champion Pablo Gonzalez—Receipts: $10,524.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—For the feather Argentine title and over the Luna Park ring, Ricardo Gonzalez "Gonzalito"—South American champion in the same division—retained his title over Raul Vargas, No. 1 in the Argentine "ranking".—He won for disqualification in 10th round.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring, the South American champion in the welter division Martiniano Pereyra won K.O. in 5th, over Luis Magarinos, champion of Uruguay.—Receipts: $60,990.

▶At the "Atenas" ring of La Plata; Dave Bondulich, in the lightheavy division lost in 10 rounds to Jose Manzur.

▶VILLA PIAGGIO.—Hard puncher of the light division Miguel A. Pendola won the decision in 10 rounds over Omar Vivanco.

▶CORDOBA.—The featherwight of Spain, Manolo Garcia kayoed Humberto Novoa in five.

▶MENDOZA.—Francisco Espelozin, middleweight, lost in 10 rounds with the undefeated local fighter Francisco Sotelo.—Receipts: $35,096.

▶BAHIA BLANCA.—At the ring of "Salon de los Deportes", the local champion in the lightheavy division, Ernesto Arias kayoed in first round Julio Francisco.—Receipts: $17,805.

▶SAO PABLO (Brazil).—The ex Argentine and South American champion in the bantam division, Roberto Castro lost K.O. in second round with the Brazilian champion Eder Jofre.—A good performance for this boy, challenger No. 1 in the division for the South American title in hands of the Argentine Ernesto Miranda.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—At the LUNA PARK ring, the lightweight Argentine champion Jaime Gine, won the decision in 10 rounds over Miguel Angel Pendola in a good fight—Receipts: $147,302.

▶SANTA FE.—Another fight of the feather of Spain Manolo Garcia drew with the local boy Americo Bonetti.—Receipts: $63,000.

▶ROSARIO.—At the ring of stadium "Norte", the local champion in the lightweight division Nelson Poccione won the decision in 10 rounds over Aquiles Gregorutti—(Title bout).

▶SAN NICOLAS.—Undefeated featherweight Santos Simili, won the 10 rounds decision over Cesar Vega.

▶QUILMES.—The Panamenian-Argentine welterweight Federico Thompson won T.K.O. in 5th over Cayetano Tapia.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring the good prospect in the feather division Adrian Servin drew in 10 rounds with Raul Vargas, in a no good, decision because the winner was Servin.

▶MAR DEL PLATA.—At the "Bristol" ring, the undefeated in the heavy division Jose Georgetti kayoed in first round over Said Asus.—Georgetti was the Argentine representative in the Olympic Games of Melbourne in 1956.—Receipts: $12,365.

▶HUINCA RENANCO.—The heavyweight Omar Kader won the decision in 10 rounds over Abel Escalante.—This boy was representative of Argentina in the PanAmerican Games of Mexico in 1954.

▶TUCUMAN.—In the welter division the local fighter Ramon Paz won the decision in 10 rounds over the veteran Alfonso Moreno.

▶SAN JUAN.—The lightheavy weight Arturo Tejada lost his undefeated title.—His winner was Gregorio Zamora who won of T.K.O. 4th round.—Receipts: $14,160.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—A new sensational presentation of the boy of Cuba Isaac Logart.—Was his opponent, the Panamenian-Argentine Federico Thompson.—In a good fight the jury give a drew, but was not the exact decision, because the winner was Logart.—Thompson go to the canvas in 3rd round without count, and in 8th, for seven seconds.—Receipts: $525,000.

▶MENDOZA.—The Argentine champion in the welter division Cirilo Gil, won the 10 round decision over Alfonso Moreno.

▶CORBODA.—At the ring of "Cordoba Sport", the good prospect in the feather division Aldo Gamboa, won the decision in 10 rounds over the local champion Vicente Vezzoni.

▶LANUS.—Undefeated flyweight Carlos Rodriguez won T.K.O. in 5th over Pablo Sosa.

▶ROSARIO.—The hard puncher in the welter division and undefeated fighter Miguel Angel Aguero won the 10 round decision, over Julio Ocampo.

▶BAHIA BLANCA.—The local "champ" in the light division Antonio Murano won T.K.O. in 4th Joaquin De Souza.—Receipts: $50,910.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring and in the last fight of 1958 year, the light champion of Argentina Jaime Gine, won the decision in 10 rounds over the feather boy of Spain Manolo Garcia.—In this weight, Garcia, was not a good opponent for the Argentine champion.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

AT THE PANAMA NATIONAL GYM, WITH THE Torres Brothers promoting, Pedro Ortiz (Manhattan Kid), a baby-faced teen-ager with a man-sized punch, became the Republic's new flyweight champion by virtue of a unanimous ten round decision over Victor Asprilla. The title had been vacant. Ortiz dropped Asprilla four times during the bout and won going away.

In the co-feature, Claudio Martinez, 117½, gained a split decision over Orlando Reyes, 116¾, Cuban bantamweight champion.

Conrado Williams, 127¼, earned a split decision over Serafin Garcia, 125. Venancio Salcedo, 135, won a four round decision over Alberto Arosemena, 130½.

GARDEN JINX

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Garden paralysis.

When you ask fight-business people about this pile of masonry's occult power, invariably they first mention Young Peter Jackson II, a hot-shot lightweight out of Los Angeles managed by "One-Shot" Ross.

"He was a banger, a good banger," Frankie (Jay) Jacobs, ex-manager now running The Neutral Corner, a popular Manhattan rendezvous, said. *"And, when Jimmy Johnston had him come East for one of those bargain-price summer shows in 1937, everybody figured he'd be making an attraction.*

"It didn't matter too much who he knocked over, so Johnston matched him with Pete DeRuzza, one of Pete Reilly's club fighters from up in Westchester . . . well, you can guess what happened —DeRuzza hit him on the cocoanut and Jackson was flattened in two."

Ross couldn't explain it. Or even try to. Young Peter II just told newspapermen, *"I want to go home, I'm not right here, I could knock this guy out any time in L. A."*

Darned if he wasn't right. The following spring Reilly took DeRuzza to Hollywood to fight a return. Jackson knocked out DeRuzza in seven rounds.

This wasn't a wholly isolated case. Much the same tale is unfolded by Ernie Fliegel, personable manager from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area of a somewhat earlier generation, about his lightweight, King Tut.

"In 1928 I figured Tut was ready for the big city, it was the big city to us then," he said. *"I booked him in an outdoor club first with Sid Barbarian, the southpaw, it might have been the Queensboro. He did fine with Barbarian.*

"The next step was to go into the Garden and we had no trouble getting a match with Lope Tenorio. I felt we were set . . . until I walked my fighter into the place that night. He seemed to have his mind somewhere else. Something told me he wouldn't be himself. And I was right, he got licked.

"Afterwards I said to Tut, 'guess you don't want any more of Tenorio.' He looked me in the eye and said, 'are you kidding? I want him again, anywhere but here.'

"Well, the next year I had him in with Tenorio in Chicago and they took it away from us on a foul. But a couple of weeks later, Tut beat him good in Milwaukee. I got him again for Tut in Milwaukee in 1930 and Tut knocked him out in four."

In reverse, a similar experience was undergone by Ray Miller, today an outstanding New York liquor salesman and referee in that state.

In his fighting days, late twenties, early thirties, Miller was a deadly left hooker with a consistent winning record in the midwest. Probably his best remembered performance was a seventh-round knockout of Jimmy McLarnin, in Detroit, the only knockout against McLarnin in his 13 years in the ring.

"I didn't make one mistake that night," Ray acknowledged recently. *"And I was certain I could do a job on him again.*

"So, when a return was suggested for the Garden, I jumped at it . . . a chance to do it again where it really counted. Well, everybody knows how it turned out. I couldn't get out of my own way and he wasn't much better. They gave him the decision but I'm sure he wasn't proud of it."

Jumping to modern times, there's the bewildering tale of Paul Jorgensen, lanky Houston featherweight, who has been a first-ten contender for several years.

Jorgensen, a pin-point jabber, with a stinging right hand, blazed through virtually all opposition sent against him in Texas from the start of his pro career in 1953 well into 1956.

Eventually they had to import out-of-state names to fight him and New Yorker Carmelo Costa came to Houston. Jorgy fought Costa a draw, then beat him, nothing sensational but he proved top man.

Paul could have stood on the record, so far as Costa was concerned. But the IBC found itself with an open date in the Garden because Sugar Ray Robinson wanted more time before fighting Gene Fullmer.

A hurry-up pairing was needed and the offer went out to Jorgensen to fight Costa . . . he didn't relish the proposal, he hadn't been in training, yet this was an opportunity to fight in the Garden, which the IBC suggested might not come again for a long while.

A reluctant acceptance was forwarded.

It was his first trip to New York and he came up without his manager.

The referee, Harry Kessler, got Jorgy off on the wrong foot with a preemptory warning: *"Now you be aggressive in there and make a good fight."*

During the bout Kessler repeatedly tugged him by the arm in breaking up clinches and kept up a running fire . . . *"now don't hit low, watch those body punches."*

It so happens that Jorgensen's left hook to the body is his favorite shot.

Bewitched, bothered and bewildered, he abandoned his normal style. Thus he played into Costa's hands.

The end result was a drab 10 rounds, which the Texan clearly lost.

In the dressing room he didn't squawk. *"They told me in the corner I fought like a dog,"* he said candidly. In truth, he was shouldering more of the blame than he should have. Costa had had his share of uninteresting fights with other opponents.

Judged on that one evening, Jorgensen might have been rated an 18-karat flop. But, in the light of events since and in other venue, the Garden hoodoo must accept a good share of the responsibility.

In the two years that have elapsed, Paul has turned in one sparkling success after another. The count in 24 fights is 12 decision victories, nine by knockout, three draws.

When he went down to Caracas, Venezuela, he gave local boy Sonny Leon a going-over. The patriotic officials called it a draw. The fair-minded fans—and they were legion—reacted instantaneously. They pelted the officials with cushions, bottles and papers. Then they lifted Paul onto their shoulders and paraded him around the arena. Later the shamefaced officials resigned en masse.

By popular demand, Jorgy fought Leon again in Caracas. This time he won—and got it, unanimously.

Wherever he went thereafter—and he traveled freely, to Los Angeles, Mexico—he fought the best available with an unvarying response: Jorgensen sure can fight, how did that ever happen in the Garden?

He still wonders. *"It was a combination of things, all bad, but I'm convinced now that it was mainly the Garden jinx I hear about."*

Jorgensen might be consoled by the fact that an only freshly de-frocked world's champion had undergone the same Garden frustration, just a few weeks before Paul had been victimized.

Tony DeMarco, Boston's darling, who had surrendered the welter crown to Carmen Basilio, was induced to come into the big house on 8th Avenue for the first time as a main eventer.

He was handed Indian Ortega as his opposition. On reputation, he should have chewed up the Indian. But, from the start, he fumbled and stumbled. His misses stirred up mighty breezes.

The decision went to Ortega, deservedly. But DeMarco hadn't had enough of the baleful atmosphere. He asked for the Indian again. A month later there was a return in which Ortega not only won from him but had him on the floor.

Clearly the only Garden he'd have luck in was the Boston Garden, so there was a third match in the Hub. There he won it. And Tony never made the mistake of mixing his Gardens again.

But the leering troublemaker still lurks somewhere in the upper structure of the New York edifice. And, as long as there's boxing in the arena, some bright new hope is apt to walk smack into the cauliflower curse.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

THE EASIEST WAY TO APPRAISE THE ABILITY OF DETROIT'S baby faced lightweight Gene Gresham, is to call him, "A Master At Work". As the competition gets tougher, Gresham gets better. His latest victim was Bobby Rodgers, of Chicago, who has made several national television appearances and holds a victory over leading featherweight contender Davey Moore. Rodgers was expected to give Gene his toughest test to date. However, after the bout was only a few rounds gone, it was obvious that Forrest Foster's protege was well on his way to protecting his 18 bout undefeated streak successfully.

Judges Andy "Kid" Brown and Bill Appleton gave Gresham every round and tabbed it 50-38 and 50-40 respectively. Referee Johnny Weber did give Rodgers one round, the ninth, but had Gresham ahead 49-41. Gresham weighed 135¾ pounds to 134¾ for Rodgers.

In a real slugfest that had the fans talking to themselves, Johnny Powell, 147½, Detroit, edged Leon Rosana, 144¾, Indianapolis, in the eight round semi-final attraction for his 13th victory in 15 starts.

Three 4-rounders rounded out this Gray stone Ballroom card: Crowd appealing Bill Pickett, 201, Detroit, showed he hasn't lost any of his punching prowess' when he dumped rugged Sam White, 212¾, Detroit, four times and out for the full count at 2:28 of the second. A good bet for the future, Billy Collins, 145½, formerly from Nashville, Tenn., now operating out of Detroit for Tony Ross Jr., ran his victory string to eight straight when he stopped game but outclassed Mario Sienz, 145, Saginaw, at 2:35 of the third; and Jack Faulkner, 164, Bay City, pummelled Jim Mattson, 160, Romulus, for an easy decision.

▶Having been thoroughly outboxed during their first meeting several weeks earlier, Detroit middleweight, Henry Hank, gained revenge over Ernest Burford, of Cleveland, in their ten round rematch at the Toledo Sports Arena. Although the bout was close, all three officials voted unanimously in favor of Hank to even their series up at one victory each.

Clever little Leroy Jeffrey, Detroit's 130 pounder, is probably far too developed and experienced for the average professional fighter with comparable experience. As an amateur, Leroy contested in over 200 bouts, and was acclaimed All Army Champion, National Collegiate Champion, and held various Golden Glove titles. In a scheduled ten rounder on the same Toledo show, Leroy dropped Sammy Lenire, of Youngstown, Ohio, four times and out at 2:05 of the opening round.

A third feature attraction found patient Terry Sawyer guiding his heavyweight hope Len Richards, of Detroit, out of the preliminary ranks to a ten round decision over Carl Beaver, of Toledo. Richards, although cut around the eye in the very first round, finished strong, winning going away.

Ernest "Sonny" Hill, Detroit middleweight, continued his undefeated ways by outpointing Willie Minnefield, of Youngstown, with ease in four. Tommy Paine, Detroit middleweight, punched rings around Louis Ringo, of Detroit, in four, and Alex Walker, of Detroit, halted middleweight Joe Thomas, of Detroit, at 0:35 min. of the third round.

▶Since taking over the managerial reins of Wilfie Greaves, Tony Ross Jr., has led the Edmonton Tiger to the Canadian middleweight championship and at this writing he has not been defeated since December 6, 1957. Although Greaves has been confining most of his activity to Detroit, the pair are hopeful of an eventual shot at Dick Tiger and the British Empire Crown.

With the Graystone Ballroom the scene of action, Greaves, 161, took on veteran Charley Cotton, 154, Toledo, and put on a first class slugfest in winning the ten round nod. Greaves had Cotton on the canvas in the second round from a left hook.

In a co-feature ten rounder, Ernest Burford, 153½, Cleveland, upset KO minded Henry Hank, 161, Detroit, with a delightful boxing exhibition despite spotting his opponent 7½ pounds in weight. Burford was very impressive as he blocked many of Hank's punches on his arms and stood his ground trading punch for punch with the Detroiter throughout the match.

Cut optics played an important part in the climax of two of the preliminary bouts, which were both stopped in the first round. Sam White, 212, Detroit, TKO'd Dave Shoulders, 194, Detroit, at 2:36, and Alex Walker, 162, Detroit, did likewise to Jesse Fagin, 159½, Detroit, at 2:27. In the opening four, Louis Ringo, 155¼, Detroit, outlasted Frank O'Neal, 151½, Detroit.

▶Two of Detroit's finest young prospects and both undefeated, Gene Gresham and Leroy Jeffery met in a bout for the state 135-pound title vacated by ranking lightweight contender Kenny Lane, at the Graystone Ballroom. An excellent turn out of 1,700 fans paid $2,400 to watch the brilliantly contested bout and a fine undercard promoted by C. W. (Larry) Smith.

For the opening four rounds the spectators were treated to a close boxing exhibition. But in the fifth, Gresham, 134¾, began shooting a sharp straight right hand that found its mark often on Jeffery, 130½.

A rematch of a slugging knockdown brawl matched by this writer several years ago between Charley Smith, 138¼, and Chuck Taylor, 137, both of Detroit, fell short of expectations, but provided some good entertainment as the pair battled to an eight round draw.

Luther Burgess' excellent looking prospect, Ernest "Sonny" Hill, 163, Detroit, outboxed and outpunched his fellow townsmen, Leo Bailey, 161½, in a sensational six rounder. It was Hill's second win over the rugged Bailey, who never stops trying.

Sam Poe, 160, Detroit, starched Mario Sienz, 155, Saginaw, at 1:01 of the third, and Ross McClendon, 159¼, Detroit, outboxed Jim Mattson, 159¼, Romulus, Michigan, in four.

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES. . . . The celebrating of the passing of 1958 and welcoming in of the New Year, 1959, was saddened by the death of Abe Kotzen, 61, Detroit board representative on Michigan Boxing Commission. Kotzen suffered a heart attack which proved fatal to the well-liked official. Abe was a kind and genial gentleman, a true friend of boxing. His presence will be deeply missed. May his soul rest in peace!

With 1958 passe, Saginaw's Mickey Crawford must be acclaimed the fighter from this state who made the most progress and Gene Gresham, the most promising newcomer developed here-abouts. By the way Art Greenwald has hired veteran Charley Goldman to supervise Crawford's training and act as his chief second. . . . Promoter C. W. Smith announced that he has staged 23 fight programs, of which he has broken even in only one, the Gene Gresham-Leroy Jeffery card. However, "Big Smithy" stated, "I am in the game because I love the sport and will continue to promote". . . . At the same time Nick Londes, promotions manager at the Olympia Stadium, announced that despite the fact no boxing was offered at the Olympia during the past year, he is contemplating shows during 1959.

LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

AT THE DOWNTOWN JEFFERSON COUNTY Armory, Rudell Stitch, 147½, gained a decision over game Chico Vejar, 159. The fight was a slam-bang affair for 10 full rounds. It took 12 stitches to repair Rudell's cuts and 10 stitches to repair Chico's cuts.

The gross gate was a little over $9,000 and Promoter Rich Keeling lost heavily on the show.

In the 10 round semi-final Wilfie Greaves, 162, who is from Canada, made short work of James Roberts, 161, of Louisville. Greaves broke two of Roberts' ribs and gave him a terrific beating. Roberts was unable to answer the bell for the second round and was sent to the hospital immediately after the fight.

In other fights, Gene Gresham, 137, from Detroit, Michigan, won when Robert Keeling, 131, of Dayton, Ohio, could not come out for the 5th round. Billy Collins, 144, Nashville, Tenn., stopped Vernon Lee, 138, Indianapolis, Ind., in the 3rd round. Quinn Bynum, 180, of Louisville, won his pro debut with a split decision over Alvis Perkins, 191, New Albany, Indiana.

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SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Les Huffman

CINCINNATI CITY MANAGER, C. A. HARRELL, HAS PROPOSED that the City abolish its Boxing and Wrestling Commission and transfer its duties to the Safety Director. Lack of Boxing and Wrestling shows in Cincinnati has caused Commission revenues to fall below expenses, was given for abolishment.

▶Tony Zill, former lightweight boxer and promoter, passed away with a heart attack at his home in Youngstown, Ohio.

▶Three Toledo boxers scored wins at Mansfield Ohio. Gil Yanez a last year Golden Gloves Champ, won over Joe Gieger of Zanesville in the main go of five rounds; Chuck White, Toledo, stopped Willie Sewll of Mansfield Ohio in three rounds and Bob Neely stopped Tommy Fix of Marion Ohio.

▶Young Ingram of Steubenville, Ohio, copped the nod over Charlie DeBow in an interesting ten round bout at Werton W. Va., Ingram will fight in Manila next month. Ingram made a good hit while in Manila the last time when he stopped Danny Kidd in 2 rounds.

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Nick Preveti of Boston, Mass., has a string of seven straight and Jackie Donnelly of Buffalo, N. Y. has ten straight with eight kayos.

The 126 pound class has two outstanding punchers in undefeated Cuban clouters Urtimio (Sugar) Ramos, a 19 year old with a 13-0 mark with 11 kayos and Doug Vaillant a 20 year old with a 13-0-1 mark including 11 kayos. A match between these two in the near future should be a big draw in Havana. Jesus Rodriguez a kayo hitter from Torreon, Mexico with a 9-0-1 log and 8 kayos and Mel Middleton of Philadelphia, Pa. with a 6-1-0 record including a win over Jimmy Ellis, are fine looking comers. Jimmy Pettaway of Toledo, Ohio, winner of all four of his pro bouts, is highly regarded, as is Dick Divola 12-0-2 of Boston, Mass., and Vernon Lynch, Brooklyn lad with a 6-1-3 mark. His loss was to top lightweight Richie Howard, whom he previously had fought to a draw.

Hector Hicks of Panama with 8 straight wins including Cuban champion Orlando Reyes, is the top bantam find but Max Huerta of Mexico with a 7-1-0 mark; Benny Casing of Stockton, Calif 3-0-0, all kayos; Danny Valdez of Los Angeles, 9-2-0; Johnny Morrissey of Scotland with a 8-2 record including a win over Jimmy Carson, the only man to defeat world champion Alphonse Halimi, are all fine up and coming stars.

Ray Perez of Hawaii is the top comer in the flyweight class, a winner of all four of his pro bouts after a fine amateur career he made a big hit in Japan. Edmundo Esparza of Juarez and Eduardo Hernandez of Mexico City are two young Mexican lads who look like they have the equipment to go far. Undefeated European entries are Johnny Caldwell of Ireland with a 6-0-0 mark and Moricogne Kamara Diop of French Guinea.

HARRY WILLS

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and from then he graduated into legitimate bouts.

Harry's first recorded match was with a Battling Taylor in 1911. Wills won by a knockout in the seventh round. He next was pitted against Nat Dewey, an experienced and well regarded campaigner. Wills won the decision in ten rounds. From then on Harry's advance was steady, but for the most part his activities were confined to bouts with opponents of his own race. White heavyweights were not too enthusiastic about stacking up against the powerful Louisianan. In fact, during his entire career it is doubtful if Wills faced more than a dozen Nordic representatives, but he kept himself busy accommodating all the leading Negroes, with the one exception of Jack Johnson. Such names as Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette, Sam McVey, Jeff Clarke, Kid Cotton, Roughhouse Ware, John Lester Johnson, Bill Tate, Battling Jim Johnson, Kid Norfolk, Jack Thompson and Clem Johnson fill most of the space in Wills' record. Some of those names appear often, particularly Langford.

A LONG SERIES.

The Wills-Langford series was a long drawn-out affair. The official statistics have the rivals clashing sixteen times, but in later years Wills insisted the total should have been twenty-two.

The "feud" carried Harry and Sam from one end of the nation to the other, and down to Panama for two bouts. It began in New Orleans in 1914 and ended in Portland, Oregon, in 1922. Among the stops in between were New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Toledo, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Syracuse, Tulsa and Denver. During the early stages, the more experienced Langford had somewhat the better of the action but as the years moved on and aging Sam slowed down, the younger and steadily improving Wills become boss of operations. At the final count, Wills was credited with six victories to two for Langford, while the other clashes were of the no-decision species. Altogether the rivals battled a total of nearly 250 rounds.

The largest purse ever received by Wills was for his meeting with Luis Angel Firpo in Jersey City in September, 1924. The bout, held in the vast sprawling wooden bowl at Boyle's Thirty Acres, attracted a crowd of 70,000 and gross receipts of $509,135. Wills picked up about $125,000 for clubbing his way to an easy victory in a disappointing twelve-rounder with the flabby, ill-conditioned Firpo. The South American seemed to have lost much of his ambition after the demolition job Dempsey had done on him in their brief, boisterous brawl in New York's Polo Grounds a year before.

Wills picked up another good paycheck the following summer when he collected $40,000 for knocking out the veteran Charley Weinert in two rounds.

END OF THE TRAIL.

After his long, futile chase after Dempsey and a crack at the title, it was a discouraging blow to Wills when Manassa Jack was relieved of his laurels by Gene Tunney in that rain-soaked ring of the mammoth Sesqui-Centennial Stadium in Philadelphia on September 23, 1926.

On Columbus Day, October 12, three weeks after Dempsey's defeat by Tunney, Wills stepped into the ring at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, to face a cocky young ex-sailor who'd been stirring up quite a to-do in Boston rings. It was Jack Sharkey.

Sharkey's youth, speed and aggressiveness were too much for the aging Wills. Harry was given a thorough lacing, and after repeated warnings for rabbit-punching, back-handing and hitting on breaks, Wills was disqualified by Referee Patsy Haley in the thirteenth round.

Harry wasn't convinced that he was reaching the end of his fistic trail. Eight months later, on July 13, 1927, he returned to Ebbets Field to meet the rugged Spaniard, Paulino Uzcudun. Slow and sluggish, he was unable to hold off the squatty, swinging Paulino and was blasted twice to the canvas in the fourth round, the second time for the full count.

That crushing setback finished the once-powerful Panther as a heavyweight title threat, but before he hung up the gloves Wills couldn't resist the temptation to give the ring a final whirl or two. During the summer of 1929 he journeyed to Mexico City to take on mediocre Andres Castano. It should have been an easy fight for Wills but Harry made the mistake of hitting Castano after the bell ended the first round and was disqualified. A few months later Castano was brought to New York to meet Wills at the Coliseum, and this time Harry polished him off in the third. In 1932, when he was 43, Wills made his last appearance knocking out obscure Vingo Jankassa in two rounds.

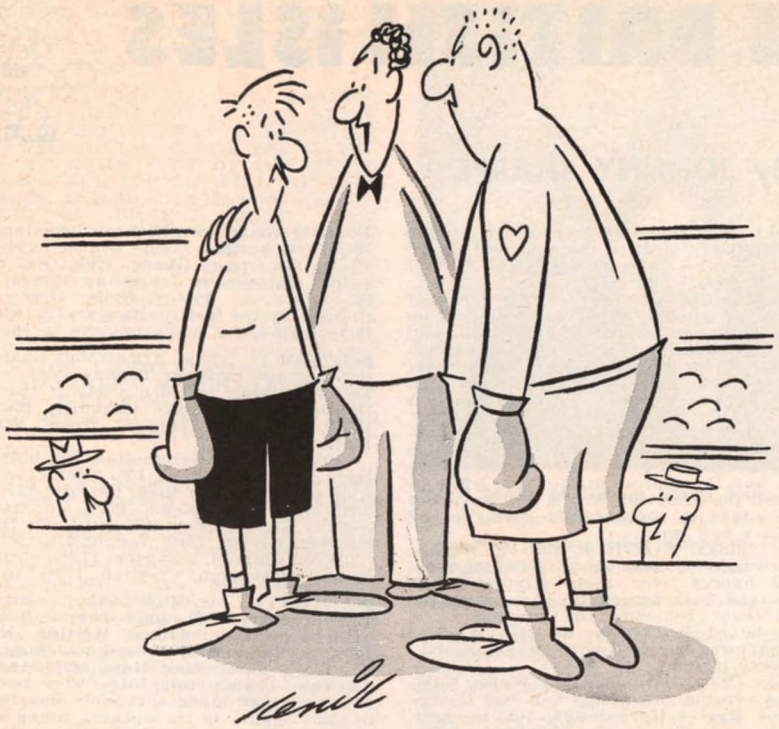
THE ANNUAL FAST.

Wills, an easy-going sort, was never much of a business man, but he was fortunate not only in having shrewd Paddy Mullins to handle his boxing affairs, but in having a clever wife in Sara, who held on to his ring earnings and invested them wisely in a couple of well-paying apartment houses in Harlem.

After retiring from the ring, Wills continued the annual "fasting" schedule he had followed during most of his boxing career. As he explained it: "Too many athletes, when they stop training, have a tendency to soften up with easy living. They get lazy, put on useless weight, and their systems get filled with impurities. While I was boxing, I made a habit every spring, usually in April, to go on a 30-day fast. Now that I'm not training and fighting any more, I find the habit even more beneficial."

Those fasting spells must have done Wills a lot of good. Last time we saw him, shortly before his wife died in 1956, he appeared as trim as he'd ever been in his fighting prime. He weighed about 225 pounds and looked fully twenty years younger that his 60-plus.

It was unfortunate for Wills that he never did get the opportunity to fight for the world heavyweight title. He may not have won it, but at least he deserved the chance.



"NOW, YOU KNOW THE RULES . . . HE HITS YOU . . . YOU FALL DOWN . . . I COUNT TO TEN . . . "

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

A PAIR OF FIRST CLASS BOUTS brightened up the Florida sky and in one of them, paved way for a possible championship bout in Miami Beach come April. Chris Dundee staged both the Sugar Hart-Ralph Dupas welterweight wrangle and the Kenny Lane-Carlos Ortiz bout and now thinks he can steer a Joe Brown-Kenny Lane lightweight title tilt into Miami if Brown overcomes Johnny Busso.

▶ Garnett (Sugar) Hart, 144½, a fistic dandy from Philadelphia, placed himself solid with the welterweights by taking a 10 round decision over fleet Ralph Dupas, 143¾, at Miami Beach. The two high ranking lads in Ring Magazine's forum, made it close but Hart's heavier hitting looked better to Judges Stu Winston (97-94) and Gus Jacobson (96-95) while Referee Jimmy Peerless selected Ralph's better boxing (98-97). The verdict didn't please at all. Hart, number three contender, was the underdog to number four Dupas. The attendance was 2,846 and the gross gate $7,172.25.

In the semi, Gomeo Brennan, Bimini welter, made it short for Panamanian welterweight champion Jose Edwin, and sweet for himself in scoring a first round TKO with a beautiful combination of uppercut, left hook and a pay-off right hand. Willie Gulatt took a heavyweight four from Gorilla Gould; Silky Shelton annexed same from Willie Finney (welters); Kid Pie took a lightie four from Hymie Budow, and Bobby Mariebeat Tony Marino in four.

▶ A youngster who seems well on the way, judging from his starts, is Bobby Marrie, from Youngstown, Ohio, and managed by Hank Kaplan. Bobby has been doing well as a pro after a successful career in the amateurs in Youngstown. Winning the novice bantamweight title during 1954 at home, he wrapped up the featherweight and lightweight crowns there, too. At Cleveland, Bobby wound up his simon-pure boxing as runner-up in the open featherweight championships, having previously beaten his conqueror. He has now won two bouts as a pro. It will be interesting to watch this boy.

▶ Angel (Robinson) Garcia, regarded as a boxer, added more zip to his mitts and came out a winner through punching ability, over Andy Arel at Miami Beach. Dropping Arel for counts in the fourth and fifth rounds, Garcia, formerly from Massena, N. Y., was awarded a sixth round TKO win.

In a ten round bout, Guillermo (Chico) Medina, 135, of Venezuela, won a split decision from Henry Ferguson, of Nassau and Miami. Judge Carl Gardner figured it 98-95, and Referee Cy Gottfried scored it 97-95, both for Medina, while Judge Barry Pearlman reckoned on Ferguson, 97-95.

The co-lightweight features brought in 1,361, paying $2,405.50 and the fans were well pleased.

Willie Gulatt, Miami, and "Gorilla" Gould, (The Everglades), drew in a heavyweight six. Hector Rodriguez, of Puerto Rico, beat Perfecto Garcia, of Havana, in four. Bobby Marrie, now of Miami, dealt out a third round TKO loss to Tony Moreno, of Tampa, when the latter suffered a cut eye. Bobby made this his pro debut. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶ Talent shows may be promoted at the Bayfront Auditorium by Major W. H. Peeples, Jr. The Major will have the help of independent managers, says Joe Harrington, former manager and now a gymnasium owner. Georgie Abrams, former top middleweight contender is now living in Miami. Joe Schaefer and Al Harris have the Panamanian welterweight king, Jose Edwin. . . . Acevedo, a featherweight-lightweight, a Puerto Rican, is about to resume boxing. . . . Billy Kilgore, one of the top names down Miami way several years ago, is operating a gym for amateur and professional boxers. . . . Al Nettlow, a classy ringman and welterweight contender under Al Weill, is in business in the Magic City. . . . Dick Lee, ex-boxer and presently a leading amateur fight developer, is with the Miami Recreation Department.

▶ Kenny Lane and Carlos Ortiz, each ranked number one respectively by The Ring Magazine and the National Boxing Association fought for another honor in a 10 round televised bout at Miami Beach, December 31st, and the battler representing The Boxing Bible pulled out ahead after a torrid finish to insure his second shot at the lightweight title held by Joe Brown. Lane had to do some hustling to get the verdict. Lane, despite a cut over the eye, made a good punch to clinch the verdict.

The winner, now of Miami, got votes from Referee Billy Regan (97-96), Judge Barry Pearlman (98-95), and Judge Carl Gardner tabbed it even (96-96). The split call favoring Lane shouldn't hurt Ortiz regardless. About 2,000 fans were present for the nip-and-tuck affair.

Dave Rent, the English heavyweight, scored unanimously over George Kartalian, of Syracuse, in the 10 round semi-final. Dan Toriani, a lightweight, beat Billy Hall in four; Jimmy Calcutt took four from Bill Orias in another lightie go; Ray Sheppard and Cat Robinson, middleweights, ended all-even after four heats. Chris Dundee promoted.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

BOXING'S SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO PHOENIX ISN'T surprising. New promoter Paavo Ketonen has never failed in any field of endeavor, and when promoting boxing, he's at his best. And lots of credit goes to the newly formed Arizona Athletic Commission, under Secretary Jay Edson, and commissioners, Chairman Irving M. Snyder, who uses the name of Nick Brown under which he boxed some 30 years ago; T. R. (Lefty) Mofford, a wrestling promoter and former wrestler; and Tom Chandler, a Tucson attorney. Ketonen's first card featuring Jimmy Martinez and Milo Savage, which was won by Martinez in 10-rounds, was a big success.

▶ HIS SECOND CARD at Phoenix Madison Square Garden was a repeat appearance of Martinez against youngster Tony Montano, 158 pound Phoenix boxer. The Athletic Commission sanctioned it for the Arizona 160 pound championship at 12-rounds. Determined Tony made an admirable attempt to match youth against experience but failed. Jimmy won 119 to 108 on referee Don Wren's card. Judge Arnold Abelson had Martinez ahead 120 to 110, and judge Maurice Dale had it 116 to 116.

In the semi-main, Hastings (Bayou) Hartz, former Louisiana light heavyweight, made his debut with a fifth-round knockout of Andy Isaacs, 173, Los Angeles. In fours, Lou (Nature Boy) Gorduno, 151, Mesa, won over Kid Bruno, 150, Los Angeles. Rudy Smith, 158, Phoenix bombed out Larry Williams in 2:53 of the second. Williams, 160, is from Los Angeles. Kid Waters, 147, Los Angeles won over Al White, 145, Phoenix by decision.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

RORY CALHOUN AND RALPH (TIGER) JONES MET in a return bout and headed Ed Bang's 33rd annual Cleveland News Toyshop Fund at the Cleveland Arena. At the finish of a slam bang ten round contest, Calhoun was the winner by a close margin. He received the unanimous decision of referee Mike Minnich and judges Harb Williams and Charley Bill.

Larry Atkins, matchmaker for Bang, had a great program and despite the extreme frigid weather attracted 6,415 fans who paid a gross gate of $28,670.

In the other bouts, Solomon Boysaw of Cleveland won over Jay Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah in 8 rounds. Don Fullmer won over Roscoe Shamlin of Youngstown in six rounds. Cecil Shorts of Cleveland outpointed Herb Nichols of Detroit in six. Alonzo Johnson of Pittsburgh knocked out Rudy Williams of White Plains, N. Y. in four and Frankie Trusso of Cleveland outpointed Tommy O'Connor of Pittsburgh.

In a special attraction LaMar Clark, Cedar City, Utah heavyweight was scheduled to face three opponents in four round bouts. Clark stopped his first opponent, Cornell Butler of Detroit in one round and his second Al Hedge, also of Detroit in thirty-five seconds. Clark injured his hand and the session with Johnny Hobart of Niles was cancelled.

There was no radio or television.

▶ Golden glove tournaments are underway in Cleveland, Akron, Lorain, Canton and Youngstown. Finals in Cleveland will be staged next month.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS. . . . If some small promoter would run small shows here in Cincinnati and IF the commission would work with him and not against him—boxing could make a very strong comeback in the Greater Cincinnati area. . . . We have a very large population to draw from and real boxing fans are hungry for some live shows. . . . One of boxing's biggest boosters around here is Pat Harmon, sports editor of the Post and Times Star. . . . Pat would give a willing hand to any promoter who will venture forth in this new year. . . . Pete Petroskey who boxed at the old Armory here many years ago seems to have a real lightweight challenger in Kenny Lane and Petroskey we believe would be more than willing to show his protege in Cincinnati, Jack Kearns ok'ing the match. . . . Another fighter who would like to show before home folks is Garvin Sawyer the heavyweight who is now plying his trade around New York. . . . Our address is 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio. . . . Best New Year wishes to all.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

WEMBLEY POOL. . . . "Take a Bow" Terry Downes of Paddington, for your courageous display against the 3rd ranking middleweight of The World, Ellsworth "Spider" Webb.

A crowd of over 10,000 fight fans rose in one to cheer the young British Middleweight champion, 159½, and his opponent for one of the best bouts seen during the year of 1958.

If this column were given over to the Terry Downes-"Spider" Webb fracas, no one present could find fault, for these two deserved all the space. The referee Eugene Henderson had an easy job, for it was one of the cleanest, yet hectic contests that one could wish to witness.

Lets start off from the time that Promoter Jack Solomons announced that he has matched the young British middleweight champion against "Spider" Webb, over 10 rounds, most of the critics (myself included) thought that it was too early to match such promising material against a seasoned performer as Webb, who was ranked third in World's Ratings by THE RING MAGAZINE. This was clearly indicated in the first round, for Downes was almost outclassed by the Chicago battler and was sent down for a count of "eight" from a right to the jaw. Luckily he landed a little too high. . . . Coming out for the second round, Downes took the initiative forcing Webb to retreat, but the Spider scored with long lefts to the head.

How the crowd cheered in the third when Downes looked like going down from another right to the head, bounded into action with a right to Webb's chin, fighting like fury to pummel Webb with all kinds of blows to the head and body, and he clearly won the round. From then on it was a nip-and-tuck battle.

In the sixth, Downes came out of his corner with a do or die attitude, that nearly paid off. A right to Webb's head had the latter in a bad way, but Webb fought back vigorously to knock the gumshield from Downes' mouth.

In the seventh the writing was on the wall, for the Britisher sustained a bad cut over his left eye, which seemed to give him a renewed lease of life. His nose was also cut. At the end of the round, referee Henderson went to Downes' corner and inspected the wounds, but took no action.

Webb's experience was now evident, for he had paced the hectic battle to a nicety, although he suffered as much as did Downes. Coming up for the eighth, both met in the center of the ring with Downes trying to put on the pressure, but Webb had something in reserve and punished the game Britisher with left hooks and right crosses to the head. . . . Half way during the round Downes sustained a cut above the right eye, and it was no surprise when the referee again went over to the corner of Downes at the end of the round to inspect the wound. He immediately stopped the bout and raised "Spider" Webb's hand as THE WINNER of one of the best bouts seen in any ring.

After the bout Downes said "If the bout was NOT stopped I would have stepped up the speed to win on points and Webb and trainer Carl Nelson said, "It was the hardest bout that Webb has taken part in, and that Downes shook him up many times, and showed he was ready for a title bout. A rematch would fill the Wembley Stadium.

Percy Lewis, Trinidad, Empire Featherweight Champion, 127¾, outpointed Carmelo Costa, America, 127¼, over ten rounds. Lewis almost won the contest in the first, when he staggered the American with a left hook, but failed to take the opportunity when he had Costa in a bad way.

Terry Spinks, West Ham, and Pat Supple, Bantamweight Champion of Canada, were both 2 ounces over their stipulated 121 pounds, and both agreed to go on with the bout without reducing the surplus. . . . Spinks boxed brilliantly to gain a clear advantage over the aggressive Canadian, winning easily in ten.

Freddie Cross, Bermondsey & Wales, 161¼, gained a very narrow points win over George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 161, in eight. . . . Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 145½, stayed the course better than Billy Wadham, Tottenham, 145¾, and was a worthy points winner in eight. . . . Dave Stone, Battersea, 137¾, and Johnny Simmons, Paddington, 135, fought a draw in eight.

▶ DONCASTER . . . Eric Brett, Retford, 121, had to fight hard to gain a points decision over Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 124, after six interesting rounds. . . . Tony Broadbent, Sheffield, 159, stopped Mick Dalby, Loughborough, 156, in the fifth. The referee intervened when the latter suffered a cut cheek and had taken a long count. . . . Brian Hunt, Worksop, 137, stopped Billy Elliott, Leicester, 135, in the fifth.

Ted Buck, Notts, 167, defeated Bob Crawford, Castleford, 163, in the fourth when the latter was ruled out for persistent holding. . . . Paul Beattie, Leicester, 131½, knocked out Len Edmund, Nottingham, 139, in the fourth. . . . Colin Aldridge, South Elmsall, 150, outpointed Richard North, Retford, 151, in six.

▶ BELFAST . . . John Caldwell, 112, made a successful first appearance in his native Belfast to score an impressive points win against Esteban Martin, France, 113¼, in ten. . . . Billy Kelly, Derry, 136½, was declared the loser against Louis Van Hoeck, Belgium, 135, when the former suffered a badly cut eye and was unable to come up for the seventh.

Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 135¾, met a fighter after his own heart in Teddy Best, Cardiff, 135¼, and the crowd was treated to a real Bonnybrook affair with Brown coming out of the hectic battle a points winner in eight. . . . Floyd Robertson, Ghana, 129¼, was a good points winner over Joe Quinn, Belfast, 129¾, in eight. . . . Paddy Kelly, Derry, 126¼, stopped Trevor Martin, Bangor, 126, when the latter suffered a badly cut eye in the third.

▶ EPSOM . . . Sani Armstrong, Ghana, 152, punched too hard for Tommy Lee, Croydon, 149, who wisely called it a day at the end of the sixth. . . . Dave Chandler, Battersea, 136½, outpointed Duggie, Baine, Scotland, 136¾, in six.

Gordon White, Kennington, 154, outpointed Dave George, Woking, 153, after a hard hitting six. . . . Terry Rees, Catford, 127, easily outpointed Koffi Menu, 120½, in six. . . . Johnny Rico, Putney, 127, and Peter Hibbert, Shepherds Bush, 128½, fought a draw in six. . . . Fred Clapton, Islington, 174¾, outpointed Jimmy McDonagh, Croydon, 172½, in six.

▶ COVENTRY . . . Mick Leahy, County Cork and Coventry, 149, gained a well earned points win over Santos Martins, Nigeria, 147¼, at the end of a hard punching eight. . . . Wally Scott, West Ham, 162½, and Ronnie Vale, Leamington, 161½, were too eager to knock each other out. Scott was the first to take "eight" in the opening round and on rising both rushed at each other with arms flaying, and in the scramble both went to the canvas. Scott was able to gain his feet before the fatal "ten" but Vale was unable to make it, so was counted out.

Terry Banning, Leamington, 140, outpointed Arthur Burley, Wolverhampton, 140, in eight. . . . Tony French, Woking, 152, took three rounds to stop Mike Kelly, Plymouth, 155½. The referee intervened when the latter was on the verge of a kayo.

Rowland Hicks, Cardiff, 148, knocked out Eddie Donnelly, Coventry, 146, in the third. . . . Johnny Thomas, Cardiff, 126, did well in his first professional contest, by outpointing Ronnie Hawkeswell, 125¼, in six. . . . Stan Cullis, Coventry, 172½, outpointed Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 176½, in six.

▶ WALSALL . . . Pancho Bhatachaji, India, 112½, and Frank Spencer, Wolverhampton, 114, put up a good scrap over eight rounds before the Indian lad received what was a very narrow points decision. . . . Chris Elliott, Nottingham, 119½, outpointed Barry Ridge, Leicester, 118½, in six.

George Wallins, Birmingham, 153, stopped Paul Sallinger, Sheffield, 151, in the fourth when the referee intervened after the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . Barrie Adgie, Derby, 110½, outpointed Pete Halberg Grimsby, 111, in six. . . . Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 142, outpointed Dave Auld, Leicester, 144, in six.

▶ Terry Gill, West Ham, Southern Area Welterweight Champion, 146¼, scored a clear points victory over the hard hitting Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 150, in eight. . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136¼, had to pull out everything he knew to gain a points win against Ernie Fossey, Islington, 138, in eight.

Jimmy Norcott, Bethnal Green, 138½, outpointed Billy Goodwin, Bermondsey, 137, in a fiercely fought six. . . . George Cottle, Bermondsey, 137½, kept his unbeaten certificate with a third round K.O. of Cliff Brown, Northampton, 138.

Maxie Beech, Chiswick, 160½, made it 10 straight with a points win over Ted Buck, Nottingham, 163, in six. . . . Johnny Bowler, Luton, 160, and Joe Sumerville, Berkhamstead, 157½, drew in six.

▶ HANLEY . . . Johnny Garrett, Belfast, 132, and Con Mount-Bassie, Jamaica, 127¼, put up an all-action eight rounds with the Irishman getting a well deserved decision. The crowd, appreciating their display, soon flooded the ring with "nobbins".

Bill Boyd, Birkenhead, 159¼, brought off a sensational first round win at the expense of Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 159¼, who was overwhelmed from the first gong and when the latter appeared to be helpless against the ropes, the referee intervened.

Malcolm Worthington, Crew, 161¼, outpointed Peni Lafu, Tonga, in a free for all six. . . . Ted Arthur, Belfast, 137½, outpointed Paul Beattie, Nottingham, 132¾, in six. . . . Billy Elliott, Leicester, 137¾, and Roy Harland, Manchester, 139½, drew in six. . . . Tommy Power Nottingham, 161½, outclassed Johnny Routledge, Ambleside, 160, and the bout was stopped in the third.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS.

(to January 21, 1959)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Brian London (E)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Terry Downes (E)	Gerald Gray (J)
3. Joe Erskine (W)	Mike Holt (SA)	Yama Bahama (B)	Johnny van Rensburg (SA)
4. George Chuvalo (C)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Clive Stewart (A)	Gale Kerwin (C)
5. Joe Bygraves (J)	Sammy Langford (N)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
6. Dick Richardson (W)	Arthur Howard (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Tommy Molloy (E)
7. Kitione Lave (To)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Albert Carroll (E)
8. Gawie de Klerk (SA)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Freddie Cross (W)	Sandy Manuel (N)
9. Sifa Kivalo (To)	Ron Redrup (E)	Attu Clotty (G)	Billy Todd (A)
10. Alan Williams (A)	Al Sparks (C)	John McCormack (S)	Johnny Melfah (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	John Caldwell (I)
2. Willie Toweel (SA)	Percy Lewis (T)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Pete Kawala (C)	George Bowes (E)	Frank Jones (S)
4. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Bobby Neill (S)	Dick White (A)	Ron "Ponty" Davies (W)
5. Ron Hinson (E)	Floyd Robertson (G)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Len Reece (W)
6. George Bracken (A)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Tommy Miller (S)	Malcolm McCleod (I)
7. Jackie Hayden (C)	Ola Michael (N)	Derry Treanor (S)	Warner Batchelor (A)
8. Max Carlos (A)	Charlie Hill (S)	Jimmy Carson (S)	Lloyd Gordon (C)
9. Barney Beale (E)	Ayree Jackson (G)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Little Joe (G)
10. Russell Sands (A)	Andy Hayford (G)	Terry Spinks (E)	Ado Garuba (G)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

▶TERRY DOWNES, the 22 year old British Middleweight Champion, was voted "The Best Young Boxer Of The Year" by The Boxing Writers' Club of Great Britain. . . . Congratulations, Terry.

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▶KINGS LYNN—Aubrey Day, Kings Lynn, 127½, gained a points decision over Jake O'Neale, Morden, 130, in a hard fought six. . . . Fred Britton, Kings Lynn, 164, gained a narrow points win over George Burke, Canning Town, 168½, in six. . . . Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 130, outpointed Mick Darcy, Royston, 128½, in six.

Lacy Stannard, Kings Lynn, 164, knocked out Roy Holder, Trinidad, 163, in the first. . . . Bob Shillingford, Romford, 140, knocked out Pat Hammond, Wymondham, 149, in the third. . . . Trevor Wise, Great Yarmouth, 142, outpointed Billy Allitt, Nottingham, 144, in six.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Promoters Alex Griffiths and Joe Jacobs were very disappointed at the attendance when they staged the Yolande Pompey-Johnny Halifihi contest, although the show proved one of the best seen in that area. . . . Halifihi, Tonga, 172, was declared the winner over Pompey, Trinidad, 171½, in the tenth, when referee Ike Powell of Wales ruled that Pompey had struck low after two warnings. . . . The disqualification of Pompey marred a hard fought bout, in which the younger Tongan had gained the advantage by his two handed punching.

Ken Barley, Birmingham, 146½, stopped Terry Banning, Warwick, 143½, in the fifth, the latter retiring with a damaged hand. . . . Allan Pompey, Trinidad, 209, stopped Ted Kayo, Tonga, 202½, in the second when the referee stopped the bout in favor of Pompey. . . . Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 132, stopped Terry Russell, Poplar, 132, in the second.

Ron Grey, Walsall, 159, defeated George Wallins, Birmingham, 162, in the third, after the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . Colin Salcombe, Birmingham, 133, stopped Paul Beattie, Leicester, 132½, in the fourth, when the referee intervened after the latter had taken three counts.

▶BELFAST . . . Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 150½, was impressive in stopping Paddy McAuley, Belfast, 151, in four. . . . McAuley received much punishment and wisely called it a day at the end of the round. . . . Jim Jordan, Belfast, 130½, gained a merited points decision over Len Harvey, Cardiff, 128½, in eight hard fought rounds.

Bernie Feeney, Manbridge, 131½, and Cecil Martin, Belfast, 133, fought six hard rounds before the decision went to Feeney, and the fans soon flooded the ring with money. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 139¾, stopped Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 134¾, in the sixth when the latter received a badly cut mouth. . . . Arthur Rafferty, Belfast, 124, outpointed Billy Adams, Belfast, 123, in six.

▶MANCHESTER . . . Chic Calderwood, the young Glasgow Cruiserweight, 174¾, enhanced his reputation with a sixth round win over Neville Rowe, Australia, 175½, when the latter obviously outclassed, decided to retire. The winner bears watching. He's a good prospect.

Calderwood was nominated by The Stewards of The British Boxing Board of Control, to take part in an Eliminating Series for The British Cruiserweight title which was made vacant by the retirement of Randy Turpin. But his manager, Tom Gilmour of Glasgow, has withdrawn young Calderwood from the series stating that with only fifteen professional bouts under his belt, the boy needs more experience to go forward at this stage for a British-European and perhaps a World Title.

I think it is a wise move. Chic Calderwood, who has shown championship potentialities, should climb the ladder of fame in 1959 or 1960. Remember the name—CHIC CALDERWOOD, of GLASGOW.

Terry Spinks of London boxed brilliantly to gain a clear advantage over Pat Supple, Canadian bantamweight champion in a ten rounder at Wembley Pool, London.

I have named many promising youngsters in this column during the years I have contributed to "THE RING" Magazine. Some have attained their ambitions, but some have fallen by the wayside by OVERMATCHING or trying to run before they can walk.

Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 160¾, was always the master over Attu Clottey, Ghana, 151½, and although the latter is an overgrown welterweight, he found the strength and experience of Hansen too much of a handicap. The bout was fought at a fast pace throughout the eight rounds with Hansen a points winner.

Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 145, was too good for Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 149, and when the latter received a badly cut eye in the sixth, the referee intervened and declared Manuel "The Winner."

Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 130½, was always too strong for Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 125, and it was no surpise when the latter retired at the end of the fourth on the advice of his corner.

Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 159½, and Orlando Paso, Nigeria, 157¼, gave the fans a treat in their all-action battle over eight rounds before the referee adjudged that Dean had done enough to warrant a points decision.

Ken Chadwick, Altrincham, 155, outclassed Gordon Mason, Manchester, 162, and the referee wisely stopped the bout during the first round.

▶LEEDS . . . There was a capacity crowd when Jack and Arthur Green, on behalf of the Leeds Jewish Sportsmen's Committee for Various Charities, staged their show. . . . Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium, 119, proved too good for Eric Brett, Retford, 120 in the chief bout. Referee Fred Blakeborough, stopped the bout in the tenth and last round, with only 30 seconds to go. Brett, after taking considerable punishment, was unable to defend himself.. . . . Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 135½, defeated Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 133½, in the seventh, when the referee intervened after the latter had received a badly cut eye.

Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 157, was unfortunate in being declared the loser in the third, against Don Doherty, Belfast, 157½, when he received a badly cut eye and the referee stopped the bout in favor of Doherty.

Eddie O'Connor, Belfast, 119¾, took exactly 60 seconds to score a perfect knockout over Jerry Parker, Nottingham, 120¾, in the first. . . . Andy Hayford, Ghana, 126½, outpointed Johnny Howard, Holloway, 126, in a gruelling eight. . . . Darnley Bowen, Barbados, 150½, knocked out Jimmy Lawson, Middlesborough, 150¾, in the first. . . . Phil McGrath, Halifax, 130¼, outpointed Bill Allport, Walsall, 133¾, in six.

▶CHELTENHAM . . . Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 147½, and Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, 149, fought a terrific eight many miles from home, but this did not deter them from providing a ding dong affray in which Melfah kept his early lead to gain a narrow points decision.

Tony French, Woking, 154, easily outpointed Billy Collins, Stepney, 151, in six. . . . Gerry Kitchen, Cardiff, 146¾, age 18, with only three pro hours to his credit, looks like being a menace to some of the welterweights around. This hard hitting Welshman was matched against the experienced Billy Keirnan, Shepherds Bush, 147½, and in the first round Keirnan was put down for a count of nine. Then again for four. On rising, the latter was in bad shape and unable to defend himself. The referee stopped the bout in favor of The Welshman. . . . Fitzroy Lindo, Jamaica, 152¾, outpointed Dave George, Woking, 151½, in six. . . . Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 129, and Peter Hibbert, Kensington, 130½, drew in six. . . . Vick Barry, Shepherds Bush, 136½, outpointed Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 130½, in six.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON. . . . Johnny Byrne, Glasgow, 160, stopped his fellow Scot, John Woolard, Glasgow, 164¼, in the fifth of a hard hitting bout. Referee Tommy Little stopped the bout at the end of the round, as the latter was in no condition to continue.

Jimmy Daly, Canning Town, 144, gained a narrow points decision over Phil Williams, Mountain Ash, 142¼, in an all-action six. . . . Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161, outpointed Bill Boyd, Birkenhead, 156, in six. . . . Eddie West, Bethnal Green, 127¾, stopped Barrie Smith, Dartford, 124¾, in the first.

Phil Jones, Cardiff, 130½, outpointed Jake O'Neale, Morden, 127½, in six. . . . Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 131½, stopped Ron Bradstreet, Canning Town, 136¼, in the third.

▶LIVERPOOL . . . In the last show at The Stadium, for 1958, in which the last three were for promising discoveries, Johnny Best, the promoter, gave Tony Smith, Bootle, 146, his chance to be greeted as "The Outstanding Discovery" for in stopping Don Martin, Formby, 144½, in the sixth and last round, he brought his score to eight out of eight. It was a hard hitting affair till Smith, by heavier hitting, had Martin in a bad way during the last round and the referee intervened.

Ken Hignett, Bootle, 137½, stopped Colin Mannock, Manchester, 132¾, in the second, referee Jack Lord intervened when Mannock was in a bad way. . . . Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 134¼, outpointed Ted Arthur, Belfast, 135½, in six.

Richie Edwardson, Bootle, 149, narrowly outpointed Colin Aldridge, South Elmsall, 150½, in six. . . . Alf Cottam, Preston, 137, defeated Jimmy Sansu, Nigeria, 136, in the third when the referee ruled out Sansu for continuously ducking too low.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, outpointed Ron Hinson, Dagenham, Southern Area Lightweight Champion, in a fast eight. Hinson, was having his first bout since his return from South Africa and he found Beale as slippery as an eel. Towards the end of the bout, Hinson tried to overcome the Lambeth boy's early lead, but the latter continued to slip away when he seemed cornered. This continued for the rest of the bout and referee Stan Hiles raised Beale's hand as the winner of a fast and exciting bout. . . . Both weighed inside 137.

Ron Warnes, Erith, 146½, overcame a nasty eye injury in the third to score a points victory against Phil Williams, Cardiff, 144½, in eight. . . . Ron Jones, West Ham, 119¼, and Dennis East, Plaistow, 120, fought their eight rounder in a determined fashion, with neither having any advantage over the other, and it was no surprise when the decision was announced as a draw.

Bernard Hart, Eltham, 144¾, easily outpointed Duggie Johnson, Fulham, 148, in six. . . . Johnny Bowler, Luton, 160, was a little fortunate in receiving the decision over Joe Somerville, Berkhamstead, 157, in a thrilling six.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON . . . Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 161½, Welsh Middleweight Champion, won every one of the eight rounds, against Bob Steevens, Belgium, 158½, but was unable to put the game Belgian down for keeps. . . . Tony French, Woking, the promising young middleweight, easily outpointed Fitzroy Lindo, Jamaica, in six.

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

PROVIDENCE ARCADIA—ATTILIO TONDO, 182½, ITALY eked out a close ten round decision over Julio Neves, 183, Portugal, to spoil the latter's U. S. debut. Tondo built up a lead in the first half of the bout by consistently beating Neves to the punch. All three officials cast their ballots for Tondo.

Ray Drayon, 163½, Boston, used less than a round to dispose of fellowtownsman, Sal Cantino, 164. Johnny Fratus, 169¾, Swansea, planted Joe Louis Banks, 162½, Boston, deep in the resin in the fourth of another sixer. Jimmy O'Malley, 145, Boston, edged Don Vincent, 148, Providence, by a split decision in the opening four.

▶ Holyoke—Valley Arena—Jimmy Beau, 164, New Canaan, Conn., looked more like his old self as he displayed some precision punching to stop Milton Ebbs, 164, Newark, N. J., in the sixth round of their eight round bout.

Andre Tessier, 163, Springfield, wasted no time in disposing of Joe Greene, 163, Brooklyn, in the first round. Roland Kellam, 132, Brooklyn, was awarded a third round tko when Myrel Olmstead, 127, Springfield, was unable to answer the bell after taking a bad beating for two rounds. Billy Clark, 158, Westfield, eked out a close decision over Jerry Keip, 151, Pittsfield, in a four rounder. Paddy Gill, 142, Donegal, Ireland, made his U. S. debut by stopping Tommy Riviera, 136, Westfield, in the third of a four spot.

▶ Providence Arcadia—Willie Greene, 155, appeared on the way to an easy two round knockout victory over Charley Washington, 150¼, New York, who uncorked an attack of his own that nearly turned the tide. Greene regained his composure and halted Washington in the third. A combination of head blows spilled the New Yorker who fell back into the ropes as Greene charged in. Referee Billy Lynch called a halt to the wild melee.

Joe Gomes, 169, Providence, scored a clean kayo over Ray Drayton, 164, Boston, in the fourth of the six round semi-final. Dick Divola, 128½, Charlestown, Mass., impressed with a decision over Jimmy Ampey, 129, Boston, in six heats. Sydney Drayton, 153, Boston, edged out Al Duarte, 147, New Bedford, in a six round slugfest that opened the show.

▶ Claremont Opera House—Tommy Garrow, 137, made his first hometown appearance a victorious one by belting out Lester Gonzales, 147, Boston, in the second round. Apparently a little nervous, Garrow got off to a slow start. By the second round he settled down and dropped Gonzales with a right to the chin for a nine count. Another right spilled him for the full count.

Bob Young, 176, Providence, R. I., won handily over Gordon Farnsworth, 171, Bangor, Me., in the semi-final. Al Duarte, 147, New Bedford, Mass., appeared to have been given the best of a draw with Willie (Kid) Johnson of Newark, in six heats. Paul Stivaletta, 148, Dedham, Mass., scored his sixth straight kayo when he knocked out Toby Jackson, 146, Boston, in the first round. Ronny Parambka, Newark, stopped Bob Burnham, 148, in the third round when the latter suffered a shoulder injury. Gordon Henley, 130½, Newark, outpointed Tee Scott, 134, Boston, in the opener.

▶ Boston Arena—Paul Pender, 160, Brookline, won on a tko over Pete Adams, 168, Newark, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round. Pender landed a smashing right uppercut near the end of the third round which cut Adams' mouth. Dr. Samuel Saddler examined Adams and ruled him out.

Lee Williams, 209½, Roxbury, stopped Al Anderson, 184, New York, in the second round of the ten round co-feature. In doing so, Williams racked up his eighth straight kayo win. Anderson was hit by a left to the jaw and dropped. He arose but Referee Joe Zaputas stopped the uneven fight.

In five rounders: Mike DeFeo, 150¾, Malden, outfought Jimmy Swarlinger, 153, Boston; Dom Prestone, 148, Malden, stopped Willie Mitchell, 149¼, Boston; Nick Previtti, 139½, South Boston, gained the duke over Johnny Johnikin, 135½, Boston; and Guy LoConte, 147, Medford, decisioned Al Duarte, 149¼, New Bedford.

▶ Providence Arcadia—Willie Greene, 156, Providence, turned back his first name opponent in making Johnny Saxton, 151½, New York, his thirteenth knockout victim in fifteen starts. After two rather cautious rounds, Greene cornered the former welterweight champion in the third session and belabored him with a furious two-fisted attack that prompted Referee Sharkey Buonanno to call a halt.

Johnny Fratus, 172½, Swansea, knocked out Joe Parham, 168, New York, in the third of a sixer. Charley Forest, 187, New York, spoiled the U. S. debut of Colis Manderos, 192, Cuba, by halting him in the fifth round. Don Prout, 168, Providence, turned pro with a three round kayo over Gordon Farnsworth, 169, Bangor, in a sixer. Charley Wormsley, 137½, New York, stopped Don Vincent, 143¼, Providence, in the third heat of their sixer. Paddy Gill, 143, Ireland, edged Dale Jackson, 138, Providence, who was making his pro debut.

▶ Holyoke—Valley Arena—Barry Allison, 147, Springfield, gained a clear cut ten round decision over Roger Harvey, 142½, Bermuda. It was a close hard fought battle with Allison having an edge in most departments. His sharper, harder punching helped him to maintain his lead. The verdict was unanimous.

For the second time Dick Divola, 127½, Charlestown, and Kid Chick, 123, Southwick, ended up all even. It was a spirited tussle with both fighters hitting the deck. Divola threw more punches but Chick's were more effective. Steve Klaus, 135, Westfield, outpunched Ken Perry, 128, Providence, in a four rounder. Jerry Keip, 147, Pittsfield, flattened Ritchie Parris, 142, Roxbury, in the first round. Bob Shaughnessy, 121, Roxbury, eked out a win over Joe Perry, 120, a fellowtownsman, in the four round opener.

▶ Providence Arcadia—Paul Pender, 164½, Brookline, Mass., won on a third round tko over Willie (Kid) Johnson, 160¼, Newark, when the latter was ruled out by the commission medic, Dr. James Flanagan. Johnson, who had an edge in the first heat, was unable to stop the unending stream of left jabs and suffered a cut over his right eye in round two. There were no knockdowns.

Joe DiPierro, 147, Woonsocket, gained the decision in a tame six round semi-windup over Al Duarte, 144½, New Bedford. Johnny Fratus, 170½, Swansea, stopped Leroy Holmes, 162¾, Newark, in the third round of another sixer. Bobby McHugh, 148, Brighton, overpowered Rocky Martin, 148¼, Boston, to stop him in the third of a pleasing six.

Dan Prout, 164¾, Providence, eked out a decision over Bobby Hedges, 157, also of Providence, in a slam-bang four rounder. Paddy Gill, 142½, Ireland, stopped Dale Jackson, 137½, Providence, in the third of the four round opener.

▶ Providence Arcadia — Paddy DeMarco, 143½, former world lightweight champion, launched a comeback with an easy four round tko over Lionel Butler, 137½, New York. After three rounds of uneven milling Butler returned to his corner and told his seconds that he did not want to continue. When they failed to inform Referee Billy Lynch, Butler arose from his stool and informed the third man himself. The fight lacked even a semblance of a contest.

Bob Young, 169¾, stopped Johnny Pruitt, 160½, Spartanburg, S. C., at the end of the fifth of the eight round semi-final because of a badly battered right eye. Jimmy Connors, 129, New Bedford, belted out Jimmy Ampey, 128, Boston, in the second of a free swinging eight spot. Ronnie DeCoste, 114, Brockton, impressed with a one round kayo over Larry Silva, 118, Boston. Hank Georgio, 142, Providence, turned pro by stopping Charley Hampton, 148, Boston, in the second round.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD:—CO-PROMOTERS MANNY LEIBERT AND SAM GULINO gave boxing another of its infrequent whirls by staging a new talent show at Foot Guard Hall, introducing some of the new boxing hopefuls in this area. Drawing most of the attention was Charlie Mauri, 200, a good looking heavyweight who includes Willie Pep in his board of strategy, as his trainer. Mauri, a Hartford resident, recently returned from Florida, was making his first start as a pro in Hartford, and seeking his fourth straight win.

His opponent, Norman Jackson, 185, Youngstown, Ohio, was KO'd in 42 seconds of the first round.

In the semi-final, Paul Lee, 135 and Psalm Johnson, 135½, both of Hartford, staged the best bout of the night. In another six rounder, an all Hartford contest, Sherman Adams, 201, outlasted Abe Davis, 195. In the fourth six rounder, Al King, 136½, Bristol gained a 5th round TKO over Clarence Jones, 136, Brooklyn, when Jones, badly beaten, decided he had enough and called a halt during the rest period after the 5th round.

WASHINGTON D.C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

JABBING CHICAGO LIGHTWEIGHT EDDIE PERKINS FLEW INTO TOWN fresh from a win over Frankie Ryff and added another to a record which now reads 13 wins and 4 losses. This new win was over Mexican lightweight champion Baby Vasquez in a scheduled ten-round nationally televised main event from Capitol Arena. On order of ring physician John Kneipp, referee Ray Bowen stopped the fracas after 2:40 of the seventh round after Vasquez had suffered a bad cut over the left eye. The left-jab specialist from the Windy City was out in front in every round except the fourth. Vasquez tried for the KO after he received the cut over his eye but Perkins suddenly realized that the whole encounter wasn't for free. However, he had already inflicted sufficient damage for the officials to call it quits. Both boys were 135.

Norman Smith, 131, Washington D. C. Golden Gloves featherweight champ, made his professional debut, winning by TKO after 51 seconds of the fourth round. His opponent was Ray Copeland, 132, who visited the deck five times before he decided he was in the wrong business. Copeland is also from Washington, D. C.

Eddie Bell, 165, Washington, KO'ed Lou Shores, 171, Washington, 1:15 of the second round. Billy Taylor, 152, Washington, TKO'd John Kalevo, 148, Baltimore, 1:33 of the first round.

Jimmy Biggs, 154½, Washington, won a four round decision over Harold Davis, 153, Washington. John Gilden, 147½, Baltimore, beat Bill Hickerson, 147, Washington, in four rounds.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

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against the floor with a thud. I got up and looked in the mirror. There was no blood, no bruises—yet I was sure I had been knocked out by Jess.

I went out in the street and heard a boy selling extras.

"Hey Kid," I yelled. "Who won the fight?"

"The boy looked at me like I was daffy."

"Why you did, Jack" he said with a grin.

I tossed him a dollar and went back to the hotel, satisfied.

A LESSON FOR BAR-FLIES

The night after Stanley Ketchell fought Frank Klaus in Pittsburgh in a six round no-decision bout, the middleweight king invited the newspapermen from New York to one of the city's leading cafes where the barflies crowded around the champion. Ketchel was in good humor that night and decided to play a prank on the gang. Like John L. Sullivan, he called for a treat and ordered the bartenders to pour champagne for all hands. Many who had slid up to the long bar for their drink, had never quaffed bubble water before. It was a real treat for them.

Ketchel, Hype Igoe, a reporter for the Hearst newspapers was standing at one end of the bar, watching the bartenders work feverishly to open the bottles of "grape". When all had been uncorked, paid for and the first drink of the sizzling water was poured, Stanley, to the utter amazement of the mob, went down the line knocking over the sputtering bottles right and left. They crashed on the marble floor.

"You bums want to ruin your stomachs with that stuff?", he inquired. *"Back to beer where you belong".*

With that, he grabbed Igoe by the hand and made a rush for the door where his car was waiting.

EVERYBODY LIKES A FIGHT

(Continued from page 23)

Multi-millionaire John Hay "Jock" Whitney's fling at fight managing as co-pilot of heavyweight Abe Simon if results mean anything, enhanced rather than retarded his standing in the social stratosphere.

Whitney following his stint of fight piloting, evidently put the peculiar diplomacy indigenous to the fight business, to good use later on, since he now occupies the exalted post of United States Ambassador to Great Britain. Like Biddle Jr., Jock had the foresight to select the ultra-refined Bronson as his associate, thereby insuring himself against loss of social prestige.

George Washington is deservedly first in the hearts of his countrymen, but former Mayor James J. Walker of New York holds this spot in the hearts of his home town fight people for all time. Likeable, elegant Jimmy was as famed for his love of all sports as for his ready wit and charm.

Sponsor of the Walker Boxing Law which legalized the sport in New York State in 1920, Walker then a state senator, faced many obstacles, not the least of which was an indifference to the sport on the part of then Governor Alfred E. Smith equal to Walker's own enthusiasm for it. In his cleverly convincing way, plus a keen minded manipulation of state government machinery, Walker surmounted all barriers, and became New York boxing's hero from that time on.

Boxing never had a greater booster than the man who brought it into the White House, Theodore Roosevelt. A strong advocate of the adventurous, rugged life, boxing had appealed to "Teddy" Roosevelt since childhood. Although handicapped by near-sightedness, Teddy sparred with boxing instructor "Professor" Mike Donovan, father of noted referee Arthur Donovan, in the privacy of the presidential residence.

During the aftermath of the Marciano-Moore title fight in 1955, who should turn up as Chairman of the Board of Moore Advisors, but the present Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DiSalle, former mayor of Toledo, one of the numerous "home towns" claimed by the nomadic Moore. The glib lightheavyweight champion and the nimble witted politico discovered they were in complete rapport the first time they laid eyes on each other.

Their politics and eventual fates aside, and considering them strictly as national heads Cuba's deposed ex-strong man, Fulgencio Batista and his Argentinian ditto, Juan Peron, saw to it that boxing played a prominent part in the national programs of their countries during their tempestuous tenures.

In the Mexican revolution, Pancho Villa had boxing high on the list of activities to be given priority once his control of the country became complete, which it never did.

Bearded literary giant, Ernest Hemingway roars his interest in things fistic verbally and in print. Hemingway, on his last African safari, spent much of his time seekig pugilistic recruits among the members of the lion-fighting Masai trible who defy the king of beasts armed only with spears.

General Douglas MacArthur frequently appears at the ringside at heavyweight championship fights, usually in the company of Madison Sq. Garden president General John Reed Kilpatrick.

The blessings of World War I leader, General John J. Pershing had much to do with the re-emergence of boxing in many places—New York included—in the post World War I period. The austere commander's opinion that the morale building values of the sport contributed to the Allied victory, chilled much of the opposition that might have developed to the Walker and other boxing laws.

In the world of entertainment, the late Al Jolson carried his interest in boxing right into active sponsorship. Al supplied the cash with which Eddie Mead purchased Henry Armstrong's contract and was very much in evidence throughout Armstrong's career.

Frank Sinatra has not only succeeded to Jolson's old spot as No. 1 personality in show business, he has pre-empted the same position among Hollywood colony fight afficionados. Frankie has a yen for fight promoting and is always mentioned as a likely backer of any coast-bound big match.

On the distaff side, the representation is equally impressive, Miss Marlene Dietrich's liking for boxing has been as lasting as her position as the perennial symbol of the siren. Miss Dietrich's allure is as compelling at the ringsides she has so frequently adorned as on the movie screen.

Speaking of the ladies, it was a member of this sex, who following Boxing's legalization in 1920, replaced the tattered rags of the returned prodigal with the shining raiment of respectability. She was Miss Anne Morgan, sister of the mighty J. P..

When Miss Morgan announced her sponsorship of a lightweight title match starring champion Benny Leonard and Richie Mitchell, for French War Relief, to be held in old Madison Sq. Garden, the ring game moved into the highest social echelon.

The democratic aspects of boxing, offering as it does equal opportunity to all regardless of race creed or nationality, has a strong appeal for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. While the nation's "First Lady" she caused a minor sensation by lending her prestige to a prospective boxing benefit show to be staged at the Polo Grounds in 1940.

Whitney is not the first former part time pilot to go on to diplomatic heights.

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

WORLD FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION PASCUAL PEREZ SUCCESSFULLY defended his world crown by outpointing Filipino bulldog, Dommy Ursua in 15 rounds at the Rizal football stadium. It was the biggest crowd ever to witness a flyweight championship in the country. The Argentinian proved too shifty and clever for the slow moving challenger. He concentrated mostly to the head of his challenger with lefts and rights giving him no time for his two dynamite laden fists. The referee and two judges voted unanimously for the world titlist.

Leo Espinosa, 123, and featherweight champion of the Philippines proved to be master of challenger Gil Flores, 122 in 12 round title bout at the coliseum. Mrs. Herminia Perez, wife of Pascual Perez awarded the championship belt to the winner which was donated by Don Manolo Elizalde of the firm bearing his name.

Larry Pineda, 112 became the newly crowned flyweight champion of the Philippines by outpointing Vic Campo, the champion in 12 rounds. Arab Jr., 119 was defeated by Japanese Kiyoshi Miura, 121 in 10. Johnny Jamito, 119 defeated dancing Marcing David, 119 in 8. Mighty Bargan, 132 decisioned Rocky Herman, 133 in 6. Oscar Guban, 125 halted Baby Mario, 125 in 5. Joe Dionaldo, 128 knocked out Young Lubao, 132 in the 1st round. Rocky Carlos, 148 bested Teddy Robles, 147 in 4. Diamond Abrogar, 113 outpointed Maxie Teody, 111 in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Al Asuncion, bantamweight champion of the Philippines successfully defended his crown by knocking out Angel Boy, 116 in the 3rd of a scheduled 12 round title bout. Asuncion was too strong and too seasoned for Angel. Johnny Jamito, 117 bested James Hardman Jr., 117 in 8. Romy Sison, 113 kayoed Angeles Alberto, 112 in 6. Jes de Leon, 112 and Star Catalan, 112 drew in 4 special attraction. Ely Fernandez, 118 defeated Jim Posadas, 119 in 6. Dommy Felicia, 119 lost to Danny Rosales, 117 in 6. Leo Amadeo, 111 kayoed Lex Sande, 112 in 1. Naven Kid, 111 lost to Buddy de Marco, 109 in 6. Abe Mendoza, 110 bested Fighting Solis, 112 in 4.

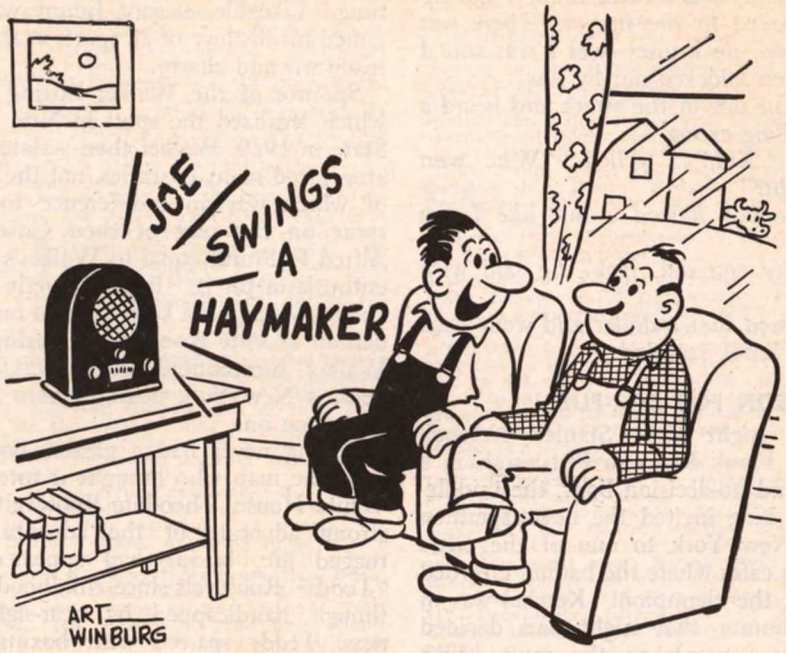
▶Tommy Romulo, 135 knocked out Leo Alonzo, 135 in the 4th round at the coliseum. A right to the breadbasket did the trick. Rey Urbano, 230, won over Ricky Waldo, 240, American wrestler in 2 out of 3 falls. Rocky Kalingo, 144 became the ad-interim welter of the Philippines, in the absence of Javellana Kid, by knocking out Kang Sae Chull, 144 of Korea in 6. Army Wonder Boy, 124 was halted in the 7th round by Roberto Cruz, 124. Mighty Bargan, 133 kayoed Blitz Najar, 133 in 4. Kid Tacio, 113 defeated Ely Relusio, 111 in 6. Joe Perez, 126 stopped Peping Bacani, 127 in 3. Terry Castro, 118 bested Sugar Menny, 124 in 4.

▶The Sumanqui Promotions made another hit in their presentation of all 4 round bouts in Guagua, Pampanga. Ben Junior, 124 lost to Young Brazil, 125. Kid Cenen, 130 was outpointed by Young Rodriguez, 130. Ben Cezar, 116 won over Fighting Carlos, 118. Rudy Carlos, 108 bested Jesy Torio, 108. Kid Regela, 105 kayoed Kid Moral, 110 in 3. Jaspe Dula, 116 halted Little Johnson, 117 in 3. Kid Dabu, 136 won over Flash Aquino, 136. Kid Roger, 128 and George dela Cruz, 126 drew in the curtain raiser.

▶Kid Johnson, 127, defeated Star Viasca, 127, in 6, in Guagua, Pampanga. Boy Emil, 111, and Gil Gueta, 112, drew in 6. Remy Jr., 119, kayoed Strong Regala, 118, in 4. Mart Manansala, 119, decisioned Young Paule, 120, in 6. Small Carding, 113, outpointed Speedy Gudar, 114, in 4. Fighting Cito, 112, bested Clever Cruz, Jr., 109, in 4. Kid Regala, 109, kayoed Johnny Liscano, 198 in 1. Boy Orling, 114, won over Boy A.L., 115, in 4.

▶The Sumanqui Promotions in search for new talents from Pampanga had adopted the California style of all 4 round bouts with this result: Fred Ocampo, 114, drew with Max Bill, 112, Young Rodriguez, 130, beat Kid Cenen, 130, Fighting Carlos, 120, and Ben Cezar, 115, drew. Midget Paras, 113, bested Clever Cruz, Jr., 109. Sta. Rita Kid, 113, decisioned Boy Orling, 115. Larry Sam, 115, lost to Rudy Carlos, 114. Ric Simon, 114, was outpointed by Remy Junior, 118. Clever Jose, 114 and Boy A.L., 120, drew. Young Vergel, 114, kayoed Little Lubao, 112, in 4. Young Melchor, 125, knocked out Benny Paule, 126, in 3.

▶Cagayane de Oro City: Baby Gony, 127, drew with Baby Simbahon, 126, in 6. Vic Marvel, 118, decisioned Rex Bazarte, 118, in 8. Doddy Boy, 126 halted Ben de Villa, 126, in 4. Tommy Kid, 118, outpointed Star Tony, 118, in 6. Batang Linti, 126, drew with Nelo Saburnedo, 126, in 4. Eddie Demillo, 112, bested Baby Ortiz, 112, in 4. Little Padilla, 110, won over Danny Ubayubay, 110, in 4.



"SAY, WE OUGHT TO GET A HAYMAKER FOR THE FARM"

▶Santiago, Isabela: Villeza Villar, 121, bested San Juan Boy, 121, in 10. Ray Martin, 105, drew with City Kit, 103, in 8. Tonny Roxas, 120, halted Rudy Torres, 119, in 2. Flashy Ambro, 130, kayoed Young Ben, 130, in 2. Fighting Cura, 110, knocked out Rice Mill Kid, 108, in 3. Pascual Kid, 118, drew with Je Gueta, 117, in 4. Abra Kid, 110, drew with Jack Spade, 111, in 4. Kid Maron, 114, outpointed Smile Frankie, 115, in 4.

▶Gerona, Tarlac: Roy Yalung, 125, kayoed N. P. C. Boy, 120, in 1. Smart Francing, 118, halted Flashy Conde, Jr., 118, in 1. Rocky Renato, 110, stopped Marcial Mesina, 104, in 1. Joe de Lema, 103, outpointed Boy Yalung, 109, in 4. Clever Benny, 115, halted FaCoMa Boy, 110, in 2. Catigay Boy, 102, halted Eden Boy, 103, in 2.

▶Gerona, Tarlac: Mar Floes, 114, halted Kid Ocampo, 115, in 2. Young Ocampo, 130, decisioned Little Tony, 135, in 6. Little Romero, 105, outpointed Deo Espinosa, 105, in 4. Freddie Amor, 114, halted Ric Pena, 117, in 1. Bly Bal, 110, stopped Young Julian, 111, in 2. Rocky Miranda, 110, knocked out Young Parazo, 109, in 2.

▶Calamba, Laguna: Nestor Reyes, 116, kayoed Johnny Bon, 118, in 5. Joe Sagun, 116, halted Tony Canoy, 113, in 2. Waling waling Boy Sr., 110, bested Pedy Wick, 111, in 6. San Juan Boy, 117, drew with Kid Barayang, 118, in 4. Fighting Albert, 115, halted Smart Bandera, 116, in 1. Rocky Mariano, 114, drew with Fighting Litcheria, Jr., 115, in 4. Gil Apeta, 114, bested Boy Avag, 113, in 4.

▶Baguio City: Fighting San Carlos, 128, defeated Emil Bill Tinde, 126, in 8 rounds. Flash Eddie, 110, bested Baby Guevarra, 111, in 8. Gilberto Natividad, 111, drew with Little Wolgast, 110, in 6. Sigue Roberto, 118, kayoed Speed Jardinez, 119, in 3. Star Velasco, knocked out Rudy Bermudez, 125, in 3. Young Robert, 110, defeated Rodrigo Gango, 108, in 4. Fighting Bagano, 130, halted Jo Albert, 128, in 2. Larry Canilang, 118, drew with Abe Emeterio, 116, in 4.

▶Marikina, Rizal: Terry Flores, 145, halted Pat Lakandula, 140, in 7. Rene Cruz, 114, defeated Ernie Paredes, 114, in 6. Steve Granada, 128, kayoed Young Mitch, 132, in 5. N. B. Kid, 110, stopped Little Wolgast, 110, in 4. Little Tony, 144, kayoed Young Decent, 140, in 3. Young Romy, 108, decisioned Tony Canoy, 112, in 4. Dado Ramos, 110, stopped Little Gamboa, 105, in 1. Rading Painga, 120, kayoed Ernie Villa, 118, in 4.

▶Baliwag, Bulacan: San Juan Boy, 122, defeated Cagayan Boy, 122, in 8. Dexie Logan, 115, bested Jim Posadas, 118, in 6. Clever Luna, 114, outpointed Al Padilla, 114, in 6. Star Caingin, 111, drew with Flash Lazona, 114, in 4. Serapio Acuna, 120, knocked out Young Subic, 120, in 1. Young Makinabang, 120, kayoed Texas Boy, 114, in 3.

▶Makati, Rizal: Winnie Rebolado, 138, defeated Star Matnog, 134, in 8. Buddy de Marco, 109, drew with Small Dave, 113, in 8. Harry Hardman, 122, bested Dio Sangogan, 125, in 6. Kid Balones, 118, decisioned Rocky Godozi, 115, in 6. Paul Pascua, 120, bested Kid Barayang, 123, in 6. Reno Cezar, 118, won over Ernie Bermudez, 116, in 4. Larry Aquino, 120, defeated Bustamante, 119, in 4. Pat Bartolata, 127, kayoed Max Pandacan, 129, in 1.

▶Coliseum, Manila: Cris Miranda, 128, defeated Ernie Masangkay, 125, in 4. Warrior Manubat, 121, bested Killer Chico Dominguez, 121, in 4. Baby Galauran, 114, bested Joe Cruz, 117, in 4. Ludy Matulac, 114, won over Baby Ross, 115, in 4. Kid Tacio, Jr. 114, bested Ely Relucio, 112, in 4. Kid Johnson, 128, won over Joe Perez, 126, in 4. Terry Castro, 118, drew with Bill Liscano, 118, in 4. Baby Hernandez, 111, decisioned Alex Olinares, 115, in 4. Ben Gustilo, 112, drew with Fred Ocampo, 113, in 4. Nestor Angel, Jr., 113, halted Tony Canoy, 111, in 2.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies and Lou Caponi

LANKY BOBBY GORDON CONTINUED ON HIS MERRY WINNING WAY at the expense of Charley Cotton, at the Palisades in McKeesport. Using his reach and height to good advantage, Gordon pumped enough left hands into the veteran Toledo tiffer's face to emerge the winner in 10 heats. The show paid off on $2,075.

Jackie Matesic, 134, Lawrenceville (The Zivic's neighborhood) iced Johnny Williams, 135, Canton, Ohio in round three. In a second sixer, Mert Brownfield, 177, McKeesport, stopped Jim O'Connell, 176, Steubenville, (6).

In still another six frame affair, Carmie Price, 136, a dandy looking prospect, stopped capable Frankie Wooten, 134, Toledo in the third chukker. Carmie looks like the real thing. The curtain raiser found Johnny Bizzarro, 132, Erie, kayoing John Carr, 126, Detroit, (2).

▶QUICKIES—Heavy Art Swiden lost a toughie to Bert Whitehurst down Dallas way. . . . Pitt banty Willie (Toothpick) Parker may trek to Europe again, this time to take on champ Alphonse Halimi in a nontitle affair. . . . Fritzie Zivic is now an Allegheny County employee.

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